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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
For the Northern District of California

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Oakland Division

KELORA SYSTEMS, LLC, No. C 11-01548 CW (LB)  
Plaintiff, **ORDER RE DISCOVERY LETTER**  
v. **RE PROTECTIVE ORDER**  
TARGET CORPORATION, *et al.*, [ECF No. 330]  
Defendants.

EBAY INC. AND MICROSOFT CORP., No. C 10-04947 CW (LB)  
Plaintiffs, (Related)  
v.  
KELORA SYSTEMS, LLC,  
Defendant.

CABELA'S, INC., No. C 11-01398 CW (LB)  
Plaintiff, (Related)  
v.  
KELORA SYSTEMS, LLC,  
Defendant.

1 NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART, INC.,

No. C 11-02284 CW (LB)

2 Plaintiff,

3 v.

(Related)

4 KELORA SYSTEMS, LLC,

5 Defendant.

6 **I. INTRODUCTION**

7 The district court has referred all discovery matters in the above-captioned patent case and the  
8 related cases to the undersigned. Referral Order, ECF No. 333 at 2.<sup>1</sup> On August 11, 2011, Kelora  
9 Systems, LLC and the other parties<sup>2</sup> (collectively “the Accused Infringers”) submitted a joint  
10 discovery statement that detailed disputes over certain provisions in the parties’ proposed protective  
11 order regarding the source code inspection environment and the restrictions on patent prosecution.  
12 ECF No. 330 at 2.

13 Generally, Kelora proposes changes to the district’s model protective order for patent cases, and  
14 the Accused Infringers propose using the model order. Exhibit A (ECF No. 330-1) shows the  
15 parties’ proposed modifications, and Exhibit D (ECF No. 330-3) is the district’s model order. As  
16 summarized below, the court generally finds that the provisions of the model order should apply and  
17 rules accordingly.

18 With regard to the source code inspection environment, the court orders as follows: (1) the  
19 Accused Infringers do not have to provide a complete, functional build environment for the source  
20 code; (2) the Accused Infringers do not have to provide access to the source code after normal work  
21 hours and on holidays and weekends upon Kelora’s notice and demand; (3) authorized individuals  
22 inspecting the source code may bring their personal cell phones and laptop computers into the source  
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25 <sup>1</sup> Citations are to the clerk’s electronic case file (ECF) with pin cites to the electronic page  
26 numbers at the top (as opposed to the bottom) of the page.

27 <sup>2</sup> The other parties in the related cases are eBay, Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Nebraska  
28 Furniture Mart, Inc., Cabela’s Inc., Target Corporation, OfficeMax Incorporated, ShopKo Stores  
Operating Co., LLC, National Business Furniture, LLC, Rockler Companies, Inc.,  
1-800-Flowers.com, Inc., PC Connection, Inc., Mason Companies, Inc. d/b/a Maryland Square,  
Amazon.com, Inc., Dell, Inc., Office Depot, Inc., Newegg Inc., Costco Wholesale Corporation,  
Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P., CircuitCity.com Inc.

1 code inspection room; (4) the source code does not have to be made available for inspection within  
2 twenty miles of the trial location; (5) the Accused Infringers do not have to provide two Source  
3 Code Computers on which Kelora may observe the running software in an environment that  
4 approximates real-world conditions; (6) Kelora's authorized outside counsel and/or experts may not  
5 require the installation on the Source Code Computers of commercially available, licensed software  
6 tools for viewing, searching, and annotating the source code; (7) a back-up copy of the source code  
7 does not have to be kept on the secured Source Code Computers; (8) the producing party must  
8 challenge the amount of source code requested in hard copy; (9) the Accused Infringers may visually  
9 monitor Kelora's inspection of source code but only to ensure that there is no unauthorized  
10 recording, copying, or transmission of the source code; and (10) the Accused Infringers's log of  
11 printed source code may include the dates and times of any access.

12 With regard to the prosecution bar issues, the court orders: (1) the prosecution bar shall not  
13 include Kelora's proposed limitation "on behalf of the Receiving Party;" (2) the prosecution bar  
14 shall not include Kelora's requested clarification that prosecution not include distinguishing prior art  
15 or advising or consulting regarding the same; and (13) the subject matter of the prosecution bar  
16 should be limited to patents or applications relating to "search engines, web search, or database or  
17 server search technology."

## 18 II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

19 Kelora is the owner by assignment of all right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,275,821  
20 ("821 patent"), which is entitled "Method and system for executing a guided parametric search" and  
21 was issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO") on August 14, 2001. Second Amended  
22 Complaint, ECF No. 334 at 3. The PTO issued a reexamination certificate for the '821 patent on  
23 November 2, 2010. *Id.*

24 There are four related cases involving the '821 patent in this district: *ebay Inc. and Microsoft*  
25 *Corp. v. Kelora Systems, LLC*, CV 10-4947 CW (filed by eBay and Microsoft, which are seeking a  
26 declaratory judgment of invalidity, noninfringement, and/or that intervening rights apply with  
27 respect to the amended claims); *Cabela's, Inc. v. Kelora Systems, LLC*, CV 11-1398 CW (seeking  
28 the same); *Nebraska Furniture Mart, Inc. v. Kelora Systems, LCC*, CV 11-2284 CW (seeking the  
same); and *Kelora Systems, LLC v. Target Corp., et al.*, CV 11-1548 CW (infringement action

1 brought by the patent holder).

2 The parties in these actions have submitted a joint discovery statement asking the court to rule on  
3 certain disputes pertaining to the parties' proposed stipulated protective order. ECF No. 330 at 2.

4 **III. LEGAL STANDARDS**

5 **A. General Standard for Issuance of Protective Order**

6 Upon a showing of "good cause," a court may "protect a party or person from annoyance,  
7 embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense" in discovery by "requiring that trade secret  
8 or other confidential . . . commercial information not be revealed, or be revealed only in a specified  
9 way." Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c); see *In re Violation of Rule 28(D)*, 635 F.3d 1352, 1357 (Fed. Cir. 2011).

10 The party seeking a protective order has the burden of showing that the protection is warranted. *Id.*  
11 Generally, good cause requires the moving party to show that specific prejudice or harm will result  
12 if the protective order is not issued. *Rivera v. NIBCO, Inc.*, 384 F.3d 822, 826 (9th Cir. 2004). And,  
13 in this context, the courts administer a balancing test of the conflicting interests between the  
14 protection of Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the broad mandate of the  
15 admissibility of information in discovery conferred by Rule 26(b)(1). See, e.g., *Brown Bag*  
16 *Software v. Symantec Corp.*, 960 F.2d 1465, 1472 (9th Cir. 1992).

17 Here, the parties agree that a protective order is warranted. See ECF No. 330 at 2. They merely  
18 disagree as to certain aspects of its implementation, focusing on a few proposed modifications to the  
19 district's model protective order.

20 The model protective order has been approved by the court and governs discovery unless the  
21 court enters a different protective. See United States District Court for the Northern District of  
22 California's Stipulated Protective Orders webpage, at <http://cand.uscourts.gov/stipprotectorder>  
23 ("The protective orders on this page are court-approved model forms to which counsel may stipulate  
24 in a particular case."); N.D. Cal. Patent L.R. 2-2 ("The Protective Order authorized by the Northern  
25 District of California shall govern discovery unless the Court enters a different protective order.");  
26 see generally *Acer America Corp. v. Technology Properties*, Nos. C08-00877 JF (HRL),  
27 08-00882-JF, 08-00884-JF, 2009 WL 1363551, at \*1 (N.D. Cal. May 14, 2009). Accordingly, the  
28 court treats the model protective order as setting forth presumptively reasonable conditions

1 regarding the treatment of highly confidential information.

2 **B. Standard for Inclusion of Patent Prosecution Bar**

3 The determination of whether a protective order should include a patent prosecution bar is a  
4 matter governed by Federal Circuit law. *In re Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas*, 605 F.3d 1373,  
5 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2010). A party seeking to include a prosecution bar in a protective order carries the  
6 burden of showing good cause for its inclusion. *Id.* Again, in this case, the parties agree that  
7 prosecution bar is necessary but disagree as to the terms implementing one.

8 **IV. DISCUSSION**

9 **A. Issues Regarding the Source Code Inspection Environment**

10 **1. Whether the Accused Infringers must provide “a complete, functional build  
11 environment for the source code of its accused instrumentalities”**

12 The parties dispute whether the protective order must include a provision requiring the Accused  
13 Infringers to provide “a complete, functional build environment for the source code of its accused  
14 instrumentalities, including build instructions, scripts and/or other information used in the ordinary  
15 course of business to develop, build, test and debug the source code.” *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 10.

16 Kelora argues that the Accused Infringers must provide a complete, functional build environment  
17 because compiling the source code into object code and running the resulting software on a  
18 computer may assist Kelora’s counsel and experts in evaluating the Accused Instrumentalities and is  
19 therefore within the broad scope of discovery provided under Rule 26(b)(1). ECF No. 330 at 4.  
20 Kelora also argues that the Accused Infringers have not identified any clearly defined and serious  
21 injury that would stem from this provision. *Id.*

22 The Accused Infringers argue that Kelora seeks to covert the model protective order into an  
23 order to create systems and produce information. ECF No. 330 at 8. And, as to the demanded  
24 source code itself, the Accused Infringers claim that Kelora’s proposal would effectively require  
25 each Accused Infringer to provide source code for the entire accused website even though the vast  
26 majority of the source code for each accused website is completely unrelated to the accused  
27 functionality. *Id.*

28 The court finds that a departure from the district’s model protective order is unwarranted because

1 the benefits of making it easier for Kelora to evaluate the Accused Infringers' source code do not  
2 outweigh the burdens associated with the proposal. *See generally Brookhaven Typesetting Services,*  
3 *Inc. v. Adobe Systems, Inc.*, No. C-01-20813 RMW, 2007 WL 2429653, at \*7-\*8 (N.D. Cal. Aug.  
4 24, 2007) (discussing textual analysis and other alternatives to compiling source code in order to  
5 evaluate whether the code is infringing). Liberal discovery is intended to ensure that the requesting  
6 party has the information necessary to make its case but this does not imply that the requesting party  
7 may force the producing party to undertake burdensome measures merely for the convenience of the  
8 requesting party. *See generally Intel Corp. v. VIA Technologies, Inc.*, 198 F.R.D. 525, 528 (N.D.  
9 Cal. 2000) ("The protective order must actually prejudice presentation of the moving party's case,  
10 not merely increase the difficulty of managing the litigation.").

11 **2. Whether access to the source code must be provided after normal work hours and on**  
12 **holidays and weekends**

13 The parties dispute whether the Accused Infringers must provide access to the source code after  
14 normal work hours and on holidays and weekends. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 11.

15 Kelora argues that its investigation of the Accused Instrumentalities may be prejudiced by an  
16 inflexible limitation to business hours, while the minor inconvenience of arranging for after-hours  
17 access can in no way be considered the sort of clearly defined and serious injury that, according to  
18 Kelora, the Accused Infringers must show. ECF No. 330 at 4-5.

19 The Accused Infringers argue that Kelora's proposal is unreasonable and burdensome as it  
20 would permit Kelora to force an Accused Infringer's counsel to keep its office open on holidays and  
21 weekends whenever Kelora feels like inspecting source code. *Id.* at 9. The Accused Infringers  
22 further assert that there is no reason why Kelora cannot complete its source code inspection during  
23 normal business hours. *Id.*

24 At this point, the dispute is about whether Kelora may unilaterally determine its after-hours  
25 access to the source code. Faced with a merely hypothetical problem, the court finds that the  
26 burdens outweigh the benefits of ordering Kelora's proposal. However, if Kelora determines that  
27 normal business hours do not provide adequate time to review the source code and the parties are  
28 unable to work out a schedule providing Kelora with sufficient access, the court orders the parties to

1 submit another joint letter at that time.

2 **3. Whether the authorized individuals inspecting the source code may bring their personal**  
3 **cell phones and laptop computers into the source code inspection room**

4 The parties dispute whether authorized individuals inspecting the source code may bring their  
5 personal cell phones and laptop computers into the source code inspection room. *See* ECF No. 330-  
6 1 at 11. Kelora argues that its proposal would allow the individuals to take notes and stay in touch  
7 with the outside world and that the items are basic work tools. ECF No. 330 at 5. The Accused  
8 Infringers do not provide any counter-arguments in the joint letter. The court finds Kelora’s  
9 proposal to be reasonable. However, the court notes that this mitigates in favor of letting the  
10 Accused Infringers visually monitor Kelora’s review of the source code.

11 **4. Whether the source code must be made available for inspection within twenty miles of**  
12 **the trial location**

13 The parties dispute whether the source code must be made available for inspection within twenty  
14 miles of the trial location. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 11-12.

15 Kelora argues that its investigation of the Accused Instrumentalities and presentation at trial  
16 might be prejudiced without these provisions, while the Accused Infringers have identified no  
17 clearly defined and serious injury justifying their more restrictive proposals. ECF No. 330 at 5.

18 The Accused Infringers argue that Kelora’s proposal is unnecessary because fact discovery will  
19 be over long before trial begins and thus no inspections will take place anywhere during the trial. *Id.*  
20 at 9. The Accused Infringers further argue that the proposal is burdensome on those parties whose  
21 counsels’ offices are more than 20 miles from the Oakland courthouse — which would include most  
22 parties. *Id.* Finally, the Accused Infringers claim that the proposal is unnecessary, since the  
23 proposed protective order allows a party to request paper copies of limited portions of source code  
24 that are reasonably necessary for trial. *Id.*

25 The court finds that Kelora’s proposal is unnecessary and burdensome for the reasons asserted  
26 by the Accused Infringers.

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1           **5. Whether the Accused Infringers must provide two Source Code Computers on which**  
2 **Kelora may observe the running software in an environment that approximates real-world**  
3 **conditions**

4           The parties dispute whether the Accused Infringers must provide two Source Code Computers on  
5 which Kelora may observe the running software in an environment that approximates real-world  
6 conditions. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 12. Kelora argues that it will be prejudiced if it cannot observe  
7 the running software in an environment that approximates real-world conditions. ECF No. 330 at 5-  
8 6. The Accused Infringers assert the arguments described above in section 1. ECF No. 330 at 8.  
9 Here too, the court finds that a departure from the district’s model protective order is unwarranted  
10 because the benefits of making it easier for Kelora to evaluate the Accused Infringers’ source code  
11 does not outweigh the burdens associated with the proposal. *See generally Brookhaven Typesetting*  
12 *Services, Inc.*, 2007 WL 2429653, at \*7-\*8.

13           **6. Whether Kelora’s authorized outside counsel and/or experts may request installation on**  
14 **the Source Code Computers of commercially available, licensed software tools for viewing,**  
15 **searching, and annotating the source code**

16           The parties dispute whether Kelora’s authorized outside counsel and/or experts may request  
17 installation on the Source Code Computers of commercially available, licensed software tools for  
18 viewing, searching, and annotating the source code. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 12. Kelora argues that  
19 its investigation of the Accused Instrumentalities might be prejudiced without these provisions,  
20 while the Accused Infringers have identified no clearly defined and serious injury justifying their  
21 more restrictive proposals. ECF No. 330 at 6. It explains that this proposal will permit it to  
22 annotate, number the lines of, and bates label paper copies of source code for permitted litigation  
23 purposes. *Id.* The Accused Infringers argue that this proposal is unreasonable because the  
24 computers containing source code are generally highly-secure machines that do not permit any files  
25 to be transferred onto or away from the machine. *Id.* at 9. The court finds that the burdens outweigh  
26 the benefits of Kelora’s proposal and that the model protective order language is appropriate.

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1           **7. Whether a back-up copy of the source code may be made on the secured Source Code**  
2 **Computers, to remain there subject to all the provisions governing source code**

3           The parties dispute whether a back-up copy of the source code may be made on the secured  
4 Source Code Computers, to remain there subject to all the provisions governing source code. ECF  
5 No. 330-1 at 13. Kelora argues this will preserve the source code in the exact form in which it is  
6 produced and that its investigation might be prejudiced without it. ECF No. 330 at 6. The Accused  
7 Infringers do not explicitly address this issue. The court finds that this issue is moot based on its  
8 determination with regard to the sixth issue.

9           **8. Whether the producing party must challenge the amount of source code requested in**  
10 **hard copy**

11           The parties dispute whether the producing party must challenge the amount of source code  
12 requested in hard copy. ECF No. 330-1 at 13-14. The Accused Infringers argue that Kelora's  
13 proposal should be rejected because source code is extremely confidential and the burden should be  
14 on the party trying to convert source code to paper, which is much less secure. ECF No. 330 at 10.  
15 The Accused Infringers claim that the model protective order places the burden on the requesting  
16 party. *Id.* Kelora does not provide any counter-arguments in the joint letter.

17           The court notes that the model protective order's procedures require the producing party to  
18 challenge the amount of source code that is requested in hard copy. *See* Exhibit D-1, ECF No. 330  
19 at 15. But the court finds that Kelora's proposed language is unnecessary.

20           **9. Whether the Accused Infringers may visually monitor Kelora's inspection of source**  
21 **code**

22           The parties dispute whether the Accused Infringers may visually monitor Kelora's inspection of  
23 source code. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 15. Kelora argues that this would invade its work product.  
24 ECF No. 330 at 6. The Accused Infringers respond that, given the extremely confidential nature of  
25 source code, it is reasonable for representatives of the Accused Infringers to visually monitor Kelora  
26 as it inspects the source code but only to ensure that there is no unauthorized recording, copying, or  
27 transmission of the source code. *Id.* at 10. Kelora's proposal is inconsistent with the model  
28 protective order, which has been approved by the court. Absent a more specific argument as to why

1 the Accused Infringers’ visual monitoring invades Kelora’s work product, the court finds that the  
2 burdens of Kelora’s proposal outweigh its benefits.

3 **10. Whether the Accused Infringers’s log of printed source code may include the dates and**  
4 **times of any access**

5 The parties also dispute whether the Accused Infringers’s log of printed source code may include  
6 the dates and times of any access. The same arguments and rationale as discussed above with  
7 respect to the ninth issue apply here. Accordingly, the court rejects Kelora’s proposal.

8 **B. Issues Regarding the Prosecution Bar**

9 **1. Whether individuals who receive highly confidential technical information may draft**  
10 **patents and claims for entities other than Kelora**

11 The parties dispute whether individuals who receive highly confidential technical information  
12 may draft patents and claims for entities other than Kelora. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 27-28.

13 Kelora argues that the Accused Infringers have offered no evidence that any counsel in this case  
14 is involved in “competitive decision-making” on behalf of any other clients. ECF No. 330 at 11.

15 The Accused Infringers counter that the prosecution bar proposed by Kelora’s counsel would  
16 merely prohibit them from prosecuting on behalf of the recently formed holding company asserting  
17 the patent in this case. *Id.* at 16. The Accused Infringers further argue that limiting a bar to  
18 activities done on behalf of a client who is the receiving party also ignores complexities that may  
19 arise if a “receiving party” is later acquired or otherwise reorganized. *Id.* Additionally, the Accused  
20 Infringers claim that if a bar is applied only to prosecution work done on behalf of one party, a  
21 potentially huge risk remains that the counsel-in-question may use confidential information to  
22 benefit other clients, who may well be competitors of the disclosing party. *Id.* (citing *re Deutsche*  
23 *Bank Trust Co.*, 605 F.3d 1373, 1380-81 (Fed. Cir. 2010)). Finally, the Accused Infringers assert  
24 hat the Federal Circuit’s emphasis on performing factual inquiries on a counsel-by-counsel basis  
25 (not a client-by-client basis) dictates that prosecution bar restrictions should follow each affected  
26 counsel, not one particular client of a counsel. *Id.*

27 The Federal Circuit has held that “a party seeking imposition of a patent prosecution bar must  
28 show that the information designated to trigger the bar, the scope of activities prohibited by the bar,

1 the duration of the bar, and the subject matter covered by the bar reasonably reflect the risk  
2 presented by the disclosure of proprietary competitive information.” *In re Deutsche Bank Trust Co.*  
3 *Americas*, 605 F.3d at 1381. In this case, the information designated to trigger the bar is highly  
4 confidential, technical information such as source code. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 8-9. “In contrast  
5 with financial data or business information, confidential technical information, including source  
6 code, is clearly relevant to a patent application and thus may pose a heightened risk of inadvertent  
7 disclosure.” *Applied Signal Technology, Inc. v. Emerging Markets Communications, Applied Signal*  
8 *Technology, Inc. v. Emerging Markets Communications, Inc.*, No. C-09-02180 SBA (DMR), 2011  
9 WL 197811, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2011) (citing *Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas*, 605 F.3d at  
10 1381). The scope of prohibited activities is limited to “directly or indirectly drafting, amending,  
11 advising, or otherwise affecting the scope or maintenance of patent claims,” which is appropriately  
12 limited. ECF No. 330-1 at 28; *see Applied Signal Technology, Inc.*, 2011 WL 197811, at \*2. And it  
13 ends two years after the conclusion of the litigation. ECF No. 330-1 at 28; *see Applied Signal*  
14 *Technology, Inc.*, 2011 WL 197811, at \*2 (finding that two-year post-litigation bar was reasonable).  
15 And, as discussed below, the Accused Infringers’ compromise restricts the subject matter to the  
16 prosecution of patents or patent applications relating to search engines, web search, or database or  
17 server search technology. Given these representations, the court finds that the Accused Infringers’  
18 proposed prosecution bar reasonably reflects the risks presented by the disclosure of the Accused  
19 Infringers’ proprietary competitive information. *See In re Deutsche Bank Trust Co.*, 605 F.3d at  
20 1380 (holding that attorneys involved in “strategic decisions on the type and scope of patent  
21 protection that might be available or worth pursuing” or “strategically amending or surrendering  
22 claim scope during prosecution” generally may be subject to a prosecution bar); *see also Applied*  
23 *Signal Technology, Inc.*, 2011 WL 197811, at \*2 .

24 Kelora’s argument does not explicitly address why the court should distinguish activities done  
25 on behalf of Kelora from those same activities when done on behalf of other clients. It implies that  
26 certain counsel have other clients for whom they do patent prosecution work that does not rise to the  
27 level of competitive decision-making. But, if there are specific individuals who seek to be exempted  
28 from the prosecution bar, Kelora must show (1) that counsel’s representation of the client in matters

1 before the PTO does not and is not likely to implicate competitive decision-making related to the  
2 subject matter of the litigation so as to give rise to a risk of inadvertent use of confidential  
3 information learned in litigation, and (2) that the potential injury to the moving party from  
4 restrictions imposed on its choice of litigation and prosecution counsel outweighs the potential  
5 injury to the opposing party caused by such inadvertent use. *In re Deutsche Bank Trust Co.*  
6 *Americas*, 605 F.3d at 1381.

7 **2. Whether “prosecution” as used in the prosecution bar includes distinguishing prior art**  
8 **or advising and/or consulting regarding the same with persons who may be involved in**  
9 **“prosecution” as defined in the protective order**

10 The parties dispute whether “prosecution” as used in the prosecution bar includes distinguishing  
11 prior art or advising and/or consulting regarding the same with persons who may be involved in  
12 “prosecution” as defined in the protective order. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at 28.

13 Kelora argues that distinguishing prior art poses no threat of disclosure of any confidential  
14 information of the Accused Infringers and that precluding coordination on prior art distinctions  
15 would be unfairly prejudicial to Kelora’s ability to defend the validity of its patents with  
16 consistency. ECF No. 330 at 14.

17 But, in *Deutsche Bank*, the Federal Circuit indicated that “investigating prior art relating to those  
18 inventions” likely constituted competitive decision-making. 605 F.3d at 1380. Following this  
19 guidance, the court rejects Kelora’s proposed clarification.

20 **3. Whether the subject matter of the prosecution bar should be limited to patents or**  
21 **applications relating to “guided parametric search” or “search engines, web search, or**  
22 **database or server search technology”**

23 The parties dispute the appropriate subject matter of the prosecution bar. *See* ECF No. 330-1 at  
24 28. Kelora argues that it should be limited to patents or applications relating to “guided parametric  
25 search,” which it asserts is the general subject matter at issue in this case. ECF No. 330 at 11. The  
26 Accused Infringers propose that the subject matter of the prosecution bar should be defined as  
27 “search engines, web search, or database or server search technology.” *Id.* at 17. They argue that  
28 their proposal is appropriately tailored to protect their confidential information from inadvertent use.

1 *Id.* They also assert that Kelora’s proposed scope is both ambiguous and overly narrow. *Id.* at 17-  
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3 The patent claims a “process for identifying a single item from a family of items” that is run on a  
4 single, local computer or over the internet. ECF No. 330-4 at 2-3. In support of their proposed  
5 subject-matter scope, the Accused Infringers argue that the asserted claims require client-server  
6 communications, providing and reading data files, accepting selection criteria, displaying a feature  
7 screen, and determining what satisfies selection criteria. ECF No. 330 at 17. Kelora does not refute  
8 this in the joint letter.

9 “[I]n determining the scope of the proposed prosecution bar, the relevant question is not to which  
10 field the accused products are currently limited, but instead in which fields the patented technology  
11 reasonably could be used, i.e. the areas of technology where there is risk that individuals may  
12 inadvertently exploit their new knowledge in future patent prosecution.” *Applied Signal*  
13 *Technology, Inc.*, 2011 WL 197811, at \*2 . Applying this principle, the court orders that the subject  
14 matter of the prosecution bar should be limited to patents or applications relating to “search engines,  
15 web search, or database or server search technology.”

16 **V. CONCLUSION**

17 For the foregoing reasons, the court orders the parties to submit a stipulated protective order that  
18 complies with this order within ten days.

19 This disposes of ECF No. 330.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: August 29, 2011

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24 LAUREL BEELER  
25 United States Magistrate Judge  
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