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United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

Bruce Yingling, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
eBay, Inc.,  
Defendant.

NO. C 09-01733 JW

**ORDER RE: STIPULATION  
REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF  
SEALING ORDER, REQUEST TO  
EXTEND FILING DEADLINE**

Presently before the Court is the parties' Stipulation Requesting Clarification of the Court's May 28, 2010 Order re: Administrative Motion re: Filing Documents Under Seal.<sup>1</sup> The parties request clarification of whether the Court's May 28, 2010 Order (Docket Item No. 164) denied sealability of particular information and exhibits referenced in Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification. (Stipulation at 1.) The parties have filed a separate document detailing the information at issue.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, no document may be filed under seal unless it is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law. To constitute a trade secret, a document must contain some information that, if known, would allow a competitor an unfair advantage. B. Braun Med., Inc. v. Rogers, 163 Fed. App'x. 500, 505 (9th Cir. 2006). Moreover, a trade secret must be described with sufficient particularity to distinguish it from

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<sup>1</sup> (hereafter, "Stipulation," Docket Item No. 170.)

<sup>2</sup> (See Joint Statement of Sealing Order Issues for Clarification, hereafter, "Statement," Docket Item No. 178.)

1 matters of general knowledge of those skilled in the trade. Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.,  
2 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003).

3 The Court finds that its May 28, 2010 Order did not specifically address the information at  
4 issue in the parties' Stipulation. The information at issue is (1) Defendant's internal, proprietary  
5 data metrics for its Parts and Accessories category listings, (2) confidential seller survey responses,  
6 and (3) a detailed description of the tables and data fields used in Defendant's data warehouse,  
7 including definitions, data lexicons, and data field relationships used by the tables. (Statement at 2-  
8 3.) The Court finds that unlike the categories of information addressed in its May 28, 2010 Order,  
9 this information, if publicly disclosed, could give Defendant's competitors an unfair advantage and  
10 insight into Defendant's internal data metrics, data storage systems, and customer information.  
11 Thus, the Court finds that the information at issue is sealable.

12 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the parties Stipulation and finds that the information at  
13 issue is sealable. In particular, as set forth in the parties' Statement, the following are sealable to the  
14 extent that they reference such information:

- 15 (1) Page 5 of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.
- 16 (2) Exhibits A6, A8, A9, C, and I to Plaintiffs' Appendix to their Motion for Class  
17 Certification.

18 On or before **July 6, 2010**, Plaintiffs shall file a revised redacted version of their Motion for  
19 Class Certification and their Appendix in support of the Motion.

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21 Dated: June 30, 2010

  
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JAMES WARE  
United States District Judge

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