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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN SEMICONDUCTOR, INC., an  
Idaho corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA ASSIGNMENTS LLC, a  
California limited liability company;  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS, INC., an  
Illinois corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:12-CV-6138-LHK

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR  
LITIGATION INVOLVING TRADE  
SECRETS

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 12.4, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential

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1 information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 and General Order 62 set forth the procedures that must be  
2 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material  
3 under seal.

4 2. DEFINITIONS

5 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or  
6 items under this Order.

7 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is generated,  
8 stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
9 26(c).

10 2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their  
11 support staff).

12 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it  
13 produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
14 – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

15 2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or  
16 manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts,  
17 and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

18 2.6 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the  
19 litigation who (1) has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant  
20 in this action, (2) is not a past or current employee of a Party or of a Party’s competitor, and (3) at the time  
21 of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or of a Party’s competitor.

22 2.7 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items:  
23 extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items,” disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party  
24 would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

25 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House Counsel does  
26 not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

27 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity  
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1 not named as a Party to this action.

2 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action but  
3 are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action on behalf of that  
4 party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

5 2.11 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants,  
6 retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

7 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in  
8 this action.

9 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
10 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or  
11 retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

12 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
13 “CONFIDENTIAL,” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

14 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing  
15 Party.

16 2.16 Third Party Neutral: a mediator, arbitrator, or other alternative dispute resolution  
17 professional jointly engaged by the parties by mutual agreement or court order, to assist with resolution of  
18 this action.

19 3. SCOPE

20 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as  
21 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies,  
22 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
23 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections  
24 conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in  
25 the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after  
26 its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including  
27 becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the  
28 Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source

1 who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party.  
2 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

3 4. DURATION

4 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order  
5 shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise  
6 directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this  
7 action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all  
8 appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time limits for filing any motions  
9 or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

10 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

11 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or Non-  
12 Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such  
13 designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. To the extent it is practical to  
14 do so, the Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or  
15 oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or  
16 communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this  
17 Order.

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

22 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for  
23 protection do not qualify for protection at all or do not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted,  
24 that Designating Party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

25 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (*see, e.g.*,  
26 second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery

27 Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the  
28 material is disclosed or produced.

1 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

2 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding  
3 transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend  
4 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” to each page that  
5 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
6 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings  
7 in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted.

8 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection need not  
9 designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would like  
10 copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available  
11 for inspection shall be deemed “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the  
12 inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must  
13 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before  
14 producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend  
15 (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”) to each page that  
16 contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
17 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings  
18 in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted.

19 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
20 Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all  
21 protected testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. When it is impractical to identify  
22 separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection and it appears that substantial portions of  
23 the testimony may qualify for protection, the Designating Party may invoke on the record (before the  
24 deposition, hearing, or other proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 21 days to identify the specific  
25 portions of the testimony as to which protection is sought and to specify the level of protection being  
26 asserted. Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection within the 21  
27 days shall be covered by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. Alternatively, a Designating  
28 Party may specify, at the deposition or up to 21 days afterwards if that period is properly invoked, that the

1 entire transcript shall be treated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
2 EYES ONLY.”

3 Parties shall give the other parties notice if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing or other  
4 proceeding to include Protected Material so that the other parties can ensure that only authorized individuals  
5 who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A) are present at those  
6 proceedings. The use of a document as an exhibit at a deposition shall not in any way affect its designation  
7 as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

8 Transcripts containing Protected Material shall have an obvious legend on the title page that the  
9 transcript contains Protected Material, and the title page shall be followed by a list of all pages (including  
10 line numbers as appropriate) that have been designated as Protected Material and the level of protection  
11 being asserted by the Designating Party. The Designating Party shall inform the court reporter of these  
12 requirements. Any transcript that is prepared before the expiration of a 21-day period for designation shall  
13 be treated during that period as if it had been designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
14 EYES ONLY” in its entirety unless otherwise agreed. After the expiration of that period, the transcript shall  
15 be treated only as actually designated.

16 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
17 tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or  
18 containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
19 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item  
20 warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s) and  
21 specify the level of protection being asserted.

22 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate  
23 qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure  
24 protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party  
25 must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this  
26 Order.

27 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

28 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of

1 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality designation is  
2 necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant  
3 disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality  
4 designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

5 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process by  
6 providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge. To  
7 avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the challenge to  
8 confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties  
9 shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in  
10 voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of  
11 service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the  
12 confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the  
13 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain  
14 the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge  
15 process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party  
16 is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

17 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,  
18 the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil Local Rule 7 (and in  
19 compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5 and General Order 62, if applicable) within 21 days of the initial  
20 notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer process will not  
21 resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent  
22 declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the  
23 preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to make such a motion including the required  
24 declaration within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable) shall automatically waive the confidentiality  
25 designation for each challenged designation. In addition, the Challenging Party may file a motion  
26 challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if there is good cause for doing so, including a  
27 challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant  
28 to this provision must be accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied

1 with the meet and confer requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

2 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.  
3 Frivolous challenges and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary  
4 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the  
5 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain  
6 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of  
7 protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the court rules on the  
8 challenge.

9 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

10 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
11 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending,  
12 or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of  
13 persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a  
14 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 15 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

15 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure  
16 manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

17 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the  
18 court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or  
19 item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

20 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of  
21 said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
22 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto  
23 as Exhibit A;

24 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party  
25 to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment  
26 and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

27 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is  
28 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be



1 Bound” (Exhibit A);

2 (d) the court and its personnel;

3 (e) Third Party Neutrals and their personnel to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for  
4 this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

5 (f) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional  
6 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the  
7 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

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

13 (h) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other  
14 person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

15 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information  
16 or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
17 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
18 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

19 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of  
20 said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
21 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto  
22 as Exhibit A;

23 (b) Experts of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
24 litigation, (2) who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), and (3) as  
25 to whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.4(a)(2), below, have been followed];

26 (c) the court and its personnel;

27 (d) Third Party Neutrals and their personnel to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for  
28 this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

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

4 (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other  
5 person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

6 7.4 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
7 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items to Experts.

8 (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in writing by the Designating Party,  
9 a Party that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Order) any information or item that has been  
10 designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” pursuant to paragraph 7.3(c) first  
11 must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) identifies the general categories of “HIGHLY  
12 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” information that the Receiving Party seeks permission  
13 to disclose to the Expert, (2) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state of his or her primary  
14 residence, (3) attaches a copy of the Expert’s current resume, (4) identifies the Expert’s current employer(s),  
15 (5) identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received compensation or funding for work in  
16 his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided professional services, including in  
17 connection with a litigation, at any time during the preceding five years,<sup>1</sup> and (6) identifies (by name and  
18 number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in connection with which the Expert has  
19 offered expert testimony, including through a declaration, report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during  
20 the preceding five years.

21 (b) A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the preceding  
22 respective paragraphs may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified Expert unless, within 14  
23 days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such  
24 objection must set forth in detail the grounds on which it is based.

25 (c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the

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27 <sup>1</sup> If the Expert believes any of this information is subject to a confidentiality obligation to a third-party, then the Expert should  
28 provide whatever information the Expert believes can be disclosed without violating any confidentiality agreements, and the Party  
seeking to disclose to the Expert shall be available to meet and confer with the Designating Party regarding any such engagement.

1 Designating Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by agreement within  
2 seven days of the written objection. If no agreement is reached, the Party seeking to make the disclosure to  
3 the Expert may file a motion as provided in Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-  
4 5 and General Order 62, if applicable) seeking permission from the court to do so. Any such motion must  
5 describe the circumstances with specificity, set forth in detail the reasons why the disclosure to the Expert is  
6 reasonably necessary, assess the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail, and suggest any additional  
7 means that could be used to reduce that risk. In addition, any such motion must be accompanied by a  
8 competent declaration describing the parties' efforts to resolve the matter by agreement (*i.e.*, the extent and  
9 the content of the meet and confer discussions) and setting forth the reasons advanced by the Designating  
10 Party for its refusal to approve the disclosure.

11 In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Expert shall bear the burden of proving  
12 that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs the  
13 Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected Material to its Expert.

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

16 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
17 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
18 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" that Party must:

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

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

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

26 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena  
27 or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
28 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" before a determination by the court from

1 which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The  
2 Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential  
3 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
4 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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

7 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in  
8 this action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES  
9 ONLY." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the  
10 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a  
11 Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

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

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

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

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

21 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14  
22 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-  
23 Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a  
24 protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is  
25 subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a  
26 court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this  
27 court of its Protected Material.  
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10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

10 If information is produced in discovery that is subject to a claim of privilege or of  
11 protection as trial-preparation material, the party making the claim may notify any party that  
12 received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must  
13 promptly return or destroy the specified information and any copies it has and may not sequester,  
14 use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved. This includes a restriction against  
15 presenting the information to the court for a determination of the claim.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

17 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
18 modification by the court in the future.

19 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no  
20 Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item  
21 on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to  
22 object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

23 12.3 Export Control. Disclosure of Protected Material shall be subject to all applicable laws and  
24 regulations relating to the export of technical data contained in such Protected Material, including the  
25 release of such technical data to foreign persons or nationals in the United States or elsewhere. The  
26 Producing Party shall be responsible for identifying any such controlled technical data, and the Receiving  
27 Party shall take measures necessary to ensure compliance.

28 12.4 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court

1 order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public record in  
2 this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply  
3 with Civil Local Rule 79-5 and General Order 62. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant  
4 to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant to Civil Local  
5 Rule 79-5 and General Order 62, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing that the  
6 Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection  
7 under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local  
8 Rule 79-5(d) and General Order 62 is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the Protected  
9 Material in the public record pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

10 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

11 Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each Receiving  
12 Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this  
13 subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other  
14 format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or  
15 destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the  
16 same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category,  
17 where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the  
18 Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format  
19 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled  
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IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

DATED: April 25, 2013

**PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER, PLC**

/s/ John N. Zarian  
By: John N. Zarian  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DATED: April 25, 2013

**PEARSON, SIMON & WARSHAW, LLP**

/s/ George S. Trevor  
By: George S. Trevor  
Attorneys for Defendants

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 26, 2013

Lucy H. Koh  
Lucy H. Koh  
United States District Judge

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
4 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand  
5 the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District  
6 of California on [date] in the case of *American Semiconductor, Inc. v. California Assignments LLC, et. al.*,  
7 Case No. 5:12-cv-6138-LHK. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated  
8 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions  
9 and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any  
10 information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict  
11 compliance with the provisions of this Order.

12 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
13 Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order,  
14 even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

15 I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my  
17 California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to  
18 enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

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20 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

21 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

22 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
23 [printed name]

24 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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