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I, Nikki Stitt Sokol, declare as follows:

- 1. I am Associate General Counsel for Litigation for Defendant Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"). Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) and the Amended Stipulated Protective Order entered by the Court on July 1, 2015 (the "Protective Order") (Dkt. No. 93), I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Administrative Motion to File Under Seal Re Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant's "Objection to and Request to Strike New Evidence and Misstatements Of Fact" (Dkt. 171), which seeks to file under seal designated portions of Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant's Objection to and Request to Strike New Evidence and Misstatements of Fact (Dkt. 172). Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called and sworn as a witness, could and would testify competently to them.
- 2. Facebook respectfully requests that the Court allow portions of Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant's Objection to and Request to Strike New Evidence and Misstatements of Fact to be filed under seal due to their confidential nature. As discussed with particularity below, these portions contain non-public, confidential, and proprietary Facebook business information that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law, including information concerning the processes and functionality of Facebook's source code, messages technology, social plugin technology; Facebook's Recommendations and Activity Feed features, software, and other internal tools; and Facebook internal documents containing discussions of the functionality of Facebook's messages products and internal tools.
- 3. I respectfully request that Facebook's requests to seal or not to seal the belowreferenced documents (or relevant portions of those documents) should not be construed as an
 admission that the information marked for redaction by Plaintiffs is accurate. Plaintiffs' Response to
 Defendant's Objection to and Request to Strike New Evidence and Misstatements of Fact contains a
 number of misstatements and mischaracterizations of documents in and outside of the record.
 Nothing in my Declaration constitutes an admission of any allegation marked for redaction by
 Plaintiffs.

- 4. I respectfully submit that the presumption of access to judicial records does not apply here because the document at issue is being filed in connection with a non-dispositive motion, and the Ninth Circuit has "carved out an exception to the presumption of access to judicial records. . . [that is] expressly limited to judicial records filed under seal when attached to a non-dispositive motion." In re Midland Nat'l Life Ins. Co. Annuity Sales Practices Litig., 686 F.3d 1115, 1119 (9th Cir. 2012) (per curiam) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted) (emphasis in original); Real Action Paintball, Inc. v. Advanced Tactical Ordnance Sys., LLC, No. 14-CV-02435-MEJ, 2015 WL 1534049, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 2, 2015) (the presumption of public access to judicial documents in connection with dispositive motions "does not apply in the same way to non-dispositive motions"). Accordingly, "'[g]ood cause' is the proper standard," and "the party seeking protection bears the burden of showing specific prejudice or harm will result if no protective order is granted." Real Action Paintball, Inc., 2015 WL 1534049, at *2; see also In re High- Tech Employee Antitrust Litig., No. 11-CV-02509-LHK, 2013 WL 163779, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 15, 2013) ("Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification is a non-dispositive motion. Therefore, the parties need only demonstrate 'good cause' in order to support their requests to seal."). A party shows good cause when, for example, public disclosure of the materials would put the party at a competitive disadvantage. See, e.g., Oracle USA, Inc. v. SAP AG, No. 07-cv-01658 PJH, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 71365, at *4-5 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2009) (granting motion to seal where moving party "considered and treated the information contained in the subject documents as confidential, commercially sensitive and proprietary" and where "public disclosure of such information would create a risk of significant competitive injury and particularized harm and prejudice").
- 5. Good cause exists to seal portions of Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant's Objection to and Request to Strike New Evidence and Misstatements of Fact. Specifically, the following portions contain non-public, confidential, and proprietary Facebook business information that Facebook designated as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY pursuant to the Protective Order. The public does not at this time have a meaningful interest in obtaining such information, and public disclosure of this information would cause particularized

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harm to Facebook by allowing its competitors to access sensitive information, which they could use to gain an unfair advantage against Facebook. Such information could also be used by individuals or companies that might seek to compromise the security of Facebook's messages technology, causing harm to Facebook and the people who use Facebook's services:

Sealable Portions	Reason for Confidentiality
1:10; 3:26; 4:6;	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns the internal processes and
4:10; 4:19; 4:21;	functionality of Facebook's messages technology or Plaintiffs'
4:23-24; 4:27, n.4;	characterization of the same that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise
5:5-6; 6:12; 6:14;	entitled to protection under the law.
6:16; 6:18; 6:19;	
6:27; 7:7; 8:5; 8:12	
(text between	
"systematically"	
and "Private");	
8:14; 8:16	
3:5; 3:7-8; 3:8;	The information redacted by Plaintiffs reflects information or Plaintiffs'
3:9-10; 3:15; 4:9;	characterization of information contained in the declaration of a Facebook
5:25-26, n.5; 6:23-	engineer that concerns the processes and functionality of Facebook's
24	messages technology, other internal tools, and source code that is protectable
	as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
4:1	As stated in my February 23, 2016 Declaration, the information redacted by
	Plaintiffs does not need to be sealed.
4:3-4	As stated in my November 17, 2015 Declaration, only the information
	between "whose actions had" and "private message" needs to be redacted.
	This information concerns the processes and functionality of Facebook's
	source code that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to
	protection under the law.
4:5	The information redacted by Plaintiffs does not need to be sealed and was not
	marked for redaction when originally filed. See Dkt. 138-4, Ex. 2, at ¶ 104
	(Opening Golbeck Report).
4:12-13	Only the text between "Alex Himel explained that" and "was the internal
	name" needs to be redacted.
	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns the internal processes and
	functionality of Facebook's messages technology that is protectable as a trade
	secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
4:14; 4:16-17	The information redacted by Plaintiffs reflects Facebook's responses to
,	Plaintiffs' discovery requests and concerns the internal processes and
	functionality of Facebook's messages technology that is protectable as a trade
	secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
5:6-7; 6:4-7; 6:8-9	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns Plaintiffs' expert's
, ,	characterization of the internal processes and functionality of Facebook's
	messages technology that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled
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Sealable Portions	Reason for Confidentiality
	to protection under the law.
5:16-17	As stated in my November 17, 2015 Declaration, only the information
	between "whose actions had" and "private message" needs to be redacted.
	This information concerns Plaintiffs' expert's characterization of the
	processes and functionality of Facebook's source code that is protectable as a
	trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
5:18-20; 5:20-21;	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns the processes and
5:22; 5:22-23;	functionality of Facebook's messages technology, other internal tools, and
5:27, n.5; 5:27-28,	source code that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to
n.5; 6:1; 6:3; 6:9-	protection under the law.
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6:21-22	Only the information between "a table called" and "a name which should
	speak for itself" needs to be redacted.
	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns the internal processes and
	functionality of Facebook's messages technology that is protectable as a trade
6.26. 7.2 4. 7.5.	secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
6:26; 7:2-4; 7:5; 7:13-14; 7:18-19;	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns the processes and functionality of Facebook's source code or Plaintiffs' characterization of the
7:20-21; 7:22	same that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection
7.20-21, 7.22	under the law.
6:28-7:1; 7:14-15	The information redacted by Plaintiffs concerns Plaintiffs' expert's
	characterization of the processes and functionality of Facebook's source code
	that is protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection under
	the law.
7:7-10; 7:10-13	The information redacted by Plaintiffs quotes or reflects Plaintiffs'
	characterization of a Facebook internal document that contains a discussion of
	the functionality of Facebook's messages products and internal tools that is
	protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.
7:23; 7:24-25;	The information redacted by Plaintiffs does not need to be sealed.
8:12-13 (text	
between	
"historically" and	
"It merely")	

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I executed this Declaration in Menlo Park, California on March 14, 2016.

/s/ N1kk1 St1tt Sokol	
Nikki Stitt Sokol	

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