Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

v.

EMBARCADERO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 16-cv-00606-BLF

ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS TO **SEAL**

[Re: ECF 36, 37]

Before the Court are Embarcadero's administrative motions to file under seal Exhibits 503 through 512 to the Reply Declaration of Chris Smith in Support of Embarcadero's Motion to Dismiss. ECF 36, 37. For the reasons stated below, the motions are GRANTED.

I. LEGAL STANDARD

"Historically, courts have recognized a 'general right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and documents." Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc., 435) U.S. 589, 597 & n.7 (1978)). Consequently, access to motions and their attachments that are "more than tangentially related to the merits of a case" may be sealed only upon a showing of "compelling reasons" for sealing. Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101–02 (9th Cir. 2016). Filings that are only tangentially related to the merits may be sealed upon a lesser showing of "good cause." Id. at 1097.

In addition, sealing motions filed in this district must be "narrowly tailored to seek sealing only of sealable material." Civil L.R. 79-5(b). A party moving to seal a document in whole or in part must file a declaration establishing that the identified material is "sealable." Civ. L.R. 79-5(d)(1)(A). "Reference to a stipulation or protective order that allows a party to designate certain

documents as confidential is not sufficient to establish that a document, or portions thereof, are sealable." Id.

II. **DISCUSSION**

The Court has reviewed the sealing motion and respective declaration in support thereof. The Court finds Embarcadero has articulated compelling reasons to seal the submitted documents. The proposed redactions are also narrowly tailored. The Court's rulings on the sealing request are set forth in the tables below:

Identification of Documents to be Sealed	Description of Documents	Court's Order
Exhibit 503	Refers to highly confidential information relating to the organizational structure of this privately held company	GRANTED
Exhibits 504-512	Copies of the resignations of the officers and directors of Embarcadero that resigned contemporaneously with the acquisition of Embarcadero on October 9, 2015 by Idera, Inc. and the appointment of the new Texas officers and directors. The names of these former officers and directors should be sealed to respect the privacy of those individuals. Copies of the resignations redacted to show the existence and text of the resignations will be filed publicly	GRANTED

III. **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, the sealing motions at ECF 36 and 37 are GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 17, 2016

United States District Judge