

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

GOOGLE LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
POINT FINANCIAL, INC.  
Defendant.

Case No. 5:25-cv-04033-BLF

**ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING ORDER AND  
ORDERING DEFENDANT TO SHOW  
CAUSE WHY A PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION SHOULD NOT ISSUE**

[Re: ECF No. 3]

Plaintiff Google LLC (“Google”) seeks to enjoin Defendant Point Financial, Inc. (“PFI”) from (1) interfering with Google’s contractual relationships with non-party CNEX and certain vendors with which Google works to manufacture and test [REDACTED] used in its servers, and (2) “taking possession of and/or selling to Google’s competitors software and equipment containing Google’s intellectual property and trade secrets.” Dkt. No. 3-1 at 1. On May 8, 2025, Google filed this lawsuit as well as a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction. Dkt. Nos. 1 (“Compl.”), 3 (“Mot.”). Pursuant to the Court’s order setting a briefing schedule on the motion, Dkt. No. 11, PFI filed an opposition brief, Dkt. No. 30 (“Opp.”), and Google filed a reply, Dkt. No. 32 (“Reply”). The Court held a hearing on Google’s motion on May 19, 2025, Dkt. No. 35, at which the Court issued an injunction from the bench. This Order memorializes the Court’s ruling.

As discussed on the record at the TRO hearing, the Court ORDERS Defendant PFI to SHOW CAUSE why a preliminary injunction should not issue on July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 1 of the Robert F. Peckham Federal Building & United States Courthouse, located at 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

1       **I. BACKGROUND**

2       Google is a multinational technology company with billions of users, many of whom store  
3       information on [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) [REDACTED]. Mot., Ex. 3 ¶¶ 3–4. To  
4       protect the information stored on these drives, Google must periodically update its security  
5       hardware, software, and protocols. *Id.* ¶ 7. These updates require significant investment of  
6       financial resources and engineering time, *id.* ¶ 8, and also sometimes involve work by outside  
7       companies, *id.* ¶ 9.

8       This case involves such an external partnership. On August 2, 2016, Google entered into a  
9       Master Purchase Agreement (“MPA”) with a company called CNEX Labs, Inc. (“CNEX”), which  
10       had been founded in 2013. Mot., Ex. 2 ¶ 8; Mot., Ex. 4. Pursuant to that agreement, CNEX was  
11       [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) [REDACTED]  
12       [REDACTED]. Mot., Ex. 2 ¶¶ 9–11. Three years later,  
13       in September of 2019, Google and CNEX entered into Statement of Work No. 1171292 (“SOW”)  
14       for the “[REDACTED],” which would involve [REDACTED]  
15       [REDACTED] “[REDACTED]” Mot., Ex. 2 ¶¶ 13–14; Mot., Ex. 5.  
16       Thereafter, the SOW was amended multiple times. *E.g.*, Mot., Ex. 6; Opp., Exs. A, C, D, E.  
17       CNEX and Google were also parties to a non-disclosure agreement, Mot., Ex. 7, in addition to  
18       confidentiality provisions set out in the MPA, Mot., Ex. 4 § 11.

19       The [REDACTED] needed to be [REDACTED],  
20       so Google provided certain intellectual property to CNEX to assist in development of the product,  
21       including “[REDACTED],” and “[REDACTED]  
22       [REDACTED]  
23       [REDACTED]” of the [REDACTED]. Mot., Ex. 3 ¶¶ 11–14. Google also communicated various  
24       [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED], including “[REDACTED],  
25       [REDACTED], and [REDACTED].” *Id.* ¶ 16. Although Google shared this information  
26       for purposes of the project, the initial MPA between Google and CNEX stated that “[REDACTED]  
27       [REDACTED]  
28       [REDACTED]” Mot., Ex. 4 § 11.3.

1 As CNEX commenced work on the [REDACTED], it regularly  
2 reported back to Google on its progress. Mot., Ex. 3 ¶¶ 32–33. CNEX and Google also  
3 collaborated engineering and test runs, *id.* ¶ 34, and both CNEX and Google communicated with  
4 various vendors that helped to manufacture and test the [REDACTED], *see* Mot., Ex. 2 ¶¶ 21–27.  
5 Specifically, [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED], *id.* ¶ 24, [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED], *id.* ¶ 26, and [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED], *id.* ¶ 27; *see also* Mot., Exs. 8, 9, 10.  
9 Google entered directly into agreements with each of these vendors, Mot., Exs. 8, 9, 10, though  
10 CNEX received the [REDACTED] orders from Google and relayed them to the vendors for production and  
11 testing, Mot., Ex. 2 ¶ 22.

12 After several years of working together with Google on the [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED], CNEX ceased operations on April 12, 2024, notifying Google of its closure on April 15,  
14 2024. Mot., Ex. 2 ¶ 35. Thereafter, Google sought to exercise a provision of the MPA stating that  
15 the [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] would be  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]. *See* Mot., Ex. 16. That provision states that CNEX granted to Google  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]

22 Mot., Ex. 4 § 10.4(C). Accordingly, Google now asserts that “upon the cessation of CNEX’s  
23 operations, Google received all license and access rights to continue the production of the [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] to ensure the completion of the [REDACTED].” Mot. at 8–9.

25 This dispute arose because, two months after CNEX ceased operations, Defendant in this  
26 proceeding contacted Google to assert that it had a security interest in all of CNEX’s assets  
27 pursuant to a loan from PFI on which CNEX had defaulted. Mot., Ex. 11. PFI asserted that such  
28 assets included the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] used to manufacture the [REDACTED]. *See id.* In August 2024, PFI proceeded to contact  
2 Google's vendors for manufacturing and testing of the [REDACTED] to instruct them to discontinue using  
3 the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] to fulfill  
4 Google's orders, asserting that to do so would violate PFI's rights. *See Mot.*, Exs. 14, 15. Google  
5 responded by meeting with its vendors to assure them that it had the right to use the information to  
6 continue to produce the [REDACTED] Mot., Ex. 2 ¶¶ 37–42. However, Google believes that PFI intends  
7 to continue to instruct "the Vendors that Google does not have the right to manufacture the  
8 [REDACTED] using the [REDACTED]," and that PFI may attempt to sell the  
9 [REDACTED] to Google's competitors. Mot. at 10. Since Google believes  
10 those actions are in contravention of its agreements with CNEX and the vendors, Google filed suit  
11 and sought a TRO to prevent PFI from taking either action.

12 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

13 The standard for issuing a temporary restraining order is identical to the standard for  
14 issuing a preliminary injunction. *See Washington v. Trump*, 847 F.3d 1151, 1159 n.3 (9th Cir.  
15 2017) ("[T]he legal standards applicable to TROs and preliminary injunctions are substantially  
16 identical." (internal quotation marks and citation omitted)). An injunction is a matter of equitable  
17 discretion and is "an extraordinary remedy that may only be awarded upon a clear showing that  
18 the plaintiff is entitled to such relief." *Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 555  
19 U.S. 7, 22 (2008). And "a TRO 'should be restricted to . . . preserving the status quo and  
20 preventing irreparable harm just so long as is necessary to hold a [preliminary injunction] hearing  
21 and no longer.'" *E. Bay Sanctuary Covenant v. Trump*, 932 F.3d 742, 779 (9th Cir. 2018)  
22 (quoting *Granny Goose Foods, Inc. v. Brotherhood of Teamsters & Auto Truck Drivers Local No.*  
23 70, 415 U.S. 423, 439 (1974)).

24 A plaintiff seeking preliminary injunctive relief must establish "[1] that he is likely to  
25 succeed on the merits, [2] that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary  
26 relief, [3] that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and [4] that an injunction is in the public  
27 interest." *Winter*, 555 U.S. at 20. "[I]f a plaintiff can only show that there are serious questions  
28 going to the merits—a lesser showing than likelihood of success on the merits—then a preliminary

1 injunction may still issue if the balance of hardships tips sharply in the plaintiff's favor, and the  
2 other two *Winter* factors are satisfied." *Friends of the Wild Swan v. Weber*, 767 F.3d 936, 942  
3 (9th Cir. 2014) (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

4 **III. DISCUSSION**

5 **A. Analysis**

6 **1. Likelihood of Success on the Merits**

7 The first *Winter* factor asks whether the Plaintiff is "likely to succeed on the merits" of his  
8 claims. *Winter*, 555 U.S. at 20. In this lawsuit, Google asserts three claims for relief against PFI:  
9 (1) tortious interference with Google's contractual relationships, (2) violations of the Defend  
10 Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1831 *et seq.*, and (3) violations of California's Uniform Trade  
11 Secrets Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 3426 *et seq.* Google argues that it has shown a likelihood of success  
12 on the merits for all three claims.

13 Google's first claim for tortious interference with contract requires: "(1) the existence of a  
14 valid contract between the plaintiff and a third party; (2) the defendant's knowledge of that  
15 contract; (3) the defendant's intentional acts designed to induce a breach or disruption of the  
16 contractual relationship; (4) actual breach or disruption of the contractual relationship; and  
17 (5) resulting damage." *Ixchel Pharma, LLC v. Biogen, Inc.*, 9 Cal. 5th 1130, 1141 (2020). Google  
18 argues that it has shown that it has existing contracts with CNEX and the manufacturing and  
19 testing vendors. Mot. at 14 (citing Mot., Exs. 4, 8, 9, 10, 16). It further argues that PFI is aware  
20 of Google's "license and access rights to the [REDACTED] that Google  
21 obtained from CNEX under the MPA and SOWs," and that PFI's communications with the  
22 vendors reveal that PFI is aware of Google's contracts with those entities as well. *Id.* (citing Mot.,  
23 Exs. 14, 15). Accordingly, Google asserts that the content of PFI's emails to the vendors  
24 evidences PFI's intentional acts to interrupt or induce a breach of Google's contracts. *See id.* At  
25 least one vendor did temporary cease work on the contracts, requiring Google to "[REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]" to reassure the vendor of Google's rights to the [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]. *Id.* at 15 (citing Mot., Ex. 2 ¶ 40). This temporary stoppage damaged Google, and  
28 Google argues than any further interference could imperil Google's ability to [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED], to [REDACTED], and to [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]. *Id.*

3 The Court finds that Google has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits of its  
4 tortious interference claim. Although PFI is correct that a defendant “cannot be held liable for  
5 intentional interference with a contract” under California law if the challenged conduct “was  
6 lawful and undertaken to enforce its rights,” Opp. at 10 (citing *Cabanas v. Gloodt Assocs.*, 942 F.  
7 Supp. 1295, 1306 (E.D. Cal. 1996), *aff’d sub nom. Cabanas v. Gloodt Assocs., Inc.*, 141 F.3d 1174  
8 (9th Cir. 1998), and *Webber v. Inland Empire Invs.*, 74 Cal. App. 4th 884, 905 (1999)), the Court  
9 concludes that this is not such a case. As Google argues on reply, PFI’s right to foreclose on  
10 CNEX’s assets does not entitle PFI to *greater* property rights than CNEX held with regard to the  
11 [REDACTED]. *See* Reply at 2. The MPA and SOW [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED], Mot., Ex. 4 § 11.3; Mot., Ex. 5 § 7.2, and

13 [REDACTED],

14 Mot., Ex. 4 § 10.4. Under that protocol, Google could continue to work directly with the vendors  
15 to fulfill [REDACTED] orders in the wake of CNEX’s closure. Indeed, the communications  
16 between CNEX executives and vendors in late April 2024 appear to be consistent with this  
17 understanding, Mot., Ex. 12; Reply, Exs. 5–7, and the Court is not persuaded by PFI’s  
18 interpretation—as a stranger to the original contracts—that the agreement contemplated a  
19 perpetual royalty arrangement even in the event that CNEX closed. Rather, it appears that PFI,  
20 like CNEX, is bound by the agreement that Google had a “perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive,  
21 worldwide, fully paid-up, royalty-free license” upon CNEX’s cessation of business operations.  
22 *See* Mot., Ex. 4 § 10.4(C). The Court also finds that Google is likely to succeed in its argument  
23 that Google did not invoke the “[REDACTED],” Reply at 3–5, since Google has submitted  
24 evidence indicating that CNEX never invoiced Google for royalty payments and did not list  
25 royalty payments due from Google in its bankruptcy filings. Reply, Ex. 1 ¶¶ 8–11; *id.* Exs. 3, 4.  
26 Therefore, Google has established a likelihood of success on showing that PFI’s communications  
27 with the vendors, which PFI acknowledges were intentional, were designed to (and did) disrupt  
28 Google’s contracts, harming Google.

1       Similarly, the Court concludes that Google has shown a likelihood of success on the merits  
2 on its federal and state trade secret claims. Courts often analyze claims under the federal Defend  
3 Trade Secrets Act and the California Uniform Trade Secrets Act together, because “the elements  
4 are substantially similar.” *InteliClear, LLC v. ETC Glob. Holdings, Inc.*, 978 F.3d 653, 657 (9th  
5 Cir. 2020). To succeed on a claim for misappropriation of trade secrets under either act, a plaintiff  
6 must prove: “(1) that the plaintiff possessed a trade secret, (2) that the defendant misappropriated  
7 the trade secret; and (3) that the misappropriation caused or threatened damage to the plaintiff.”  
8 *Nat'l Specialty Pharmacy, LLC v. Padhye*, 734 F. Supp. 3d 922, 929 (N.D. Cal. 2024) (quoting  
9 *InteliClear*, 978 F.3d at 657–58) (discussing DTSA); *CytoDyn of New Mexico, Inc. v.*  
10 *Amerimmune Pharms., Inc.*, 160 Cal. App. 4th 288, 297 (2008) (“Under the UTSA, a *prima facie*  
11 claim for misappropriation of trade secrets ‘requires the plaintiff to demonstrate: (1) the plaintiff  
12 owned a trade secret, (2) the defendant acquired, disclosed, or used the plaintiff’s trade secret  
13 through improper means, and (3) the defendant’s actions damaged the plaintiff.’”).

14       The Parties dispute whether Google has sufficiently identified a “trade secret” subject to  
15 the protection of the DTSA or the CUTSA. It has. The DTSA defines “trade secret” as:

16       [A]ll forms and types of financial, business, scientific, technical, economic, or  
17 engineering information, including patterns, plans, compilations, program devices,  
18 formulas, designs, prototypes, methods, techniques, processes, procedures, programs, or  
19 codes, whether tangible or intangible, and whether or how stored, compiled, or  
20 memorialized physically, electronically, graphically, photographically, or in writing if--

21                   (A) the owner thereof has taken reasonable measures to keep such information  
22                   secret; and

23                   (B) the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from  
24                   not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper  
25                   means by, another person who can obtain economic value from the disclosure or  
26                   use of the information[.]

27       18 U.S.C. § 1839(3). The CUTSA defines “trade secret” as:

28       [I]nformation, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method,  
29                   technique, or process, that:

30                   (1) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being  
31                   generally known to the public or to other persons who can obtain economic value  
32                   from its disclosure or use; and

33                   (2) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain  
34                   its secrecy.

1 Cal. Civ. Code § 3426.1(d). Here, Google has submitted declarations describing the trade secrets  
2 at issue in this case as well as its efforts to maintain their secrecy. Mot., Ex. 3 ¶¶ 13–31. Based on  
3 those declarations, the Court finds that Google has shown a likelihood of success in demonstrating  
4 that the materials include at least technical and engineering compilations that Google takes steps to  
5 protect, such as by requiring nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements prior to sharing the  
6 information. The secrecy of this information appears to drive economic value for Google via the  
7 resulting superior competitive position. *See id.* ¶¶ 13, 39–42.

8 The declarants also explain that Google’s trade secrets are inextricably intertwined with  
9 CNEX’s intellectual property in the [REDACTED], *id.* ¶ 38, such that  
10 Google’s intellectual property is at risk of disclosure if PFI sells the [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]. Although PFI attempts to argue that the amendments to the SOW indicate that the  
12 product does not include Google’s trade secrets, Opp. at 13, the Court disagrees. None of the  
13 amendments appear to have eliminated the original [REDACTED]—and  
14 accompanying confidentiality and nondisclosure requirements—in the MPA. In light of PFI’s  
15 repeated statements that it possesses and intends to sell the [REDACTED],  
16 then, PFI has misappropriated Google’s trade secrets and threatened harm to Google. Therefore,  
17 the Court concludes that Google has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits of its trade  
18 secret claims as well. That said, the Court recognizes that CNEX retained the right to its *own*  
19 intellectual property. Mot., Ex. 4 § 11.3; Mot., Ex. 5 § 7.2. At this time, Google has submitted  
20 persuasive evidence that the entities’ intellectual property is intertwined in the [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]. But upon proof that CNEX’s separately owned rights have been segregated  
22 from Google’s intellectual property, it is possible that an injunction regarding the [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED] may be narrowed.

24 **2. Irreparable Harm**

25 The second *Winter* factor considers whether the movant “is likely to suffer irreparable  
26 harm in the absence of preliminary relief.” *Winter*, 555 U.S. at 20. Google argues that it will  
27 suffer irreparable harm in the absence of an order restraining PFI from interfering with Google’s  
28 contractual relationships with the vendors and from selling the [REDACTED].

1 Mot. at 19. Specifically, Google argues that it will be unable to complete the [REDACTED] on  
2 schedule, that it will be unable to “[REDACTED]” necessary to deploy the  
3 [REDACTED], and that it will suffer reputational damage, among other  
4 harms. *Id.* at 20. In addition, Google argues that sale of the [REDACTED]  
5 would publicly release Google’s trade secrets, and that it is “well established that the loss of  
6 market position and the disclosure of trade secrets can constitute irreparable harm.” *Id.* Finally,  
7 Google argues that release of the trade secrets at issue in this case would present a security threat.  
8 *Id.* PFI responds that Google has not made an adequate showing of irreparable harm because  
9 (1) “Google admits . . . that it researched and developed potential alternative methods to provide  
10 the same [REDACTED] as would be provided by the [REDACTED] at issue in  
11 this action, and (2) “Google can have its third-party Vendors manufacture the CNEX [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED] by simply exercising the [REDACTED] Rights and paying the agreed upon royalty.”  
13 Opp. at 8–9.

14 Disclosure of trade secrets as well as damage to reputation and market position are  
15 irreparable harms. *See, e.g., WeRide Corp. v. Kun Huang*, 379 F. Supp. 3d 834, 853–54 (N.D.  
16 Cal. 2019), *modified in part*, No. 18-cv-07233, 2019 WL 5722620 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 5, 2019) (“It is  
17 well established that the loss of market position and the disclosure of trade secrets can constitute  
18 irreparable harm.”); *Comet Techs. United States of Am. Inc. v. Beuerman*, No. 18-cv-01441, 2018  
19 WL 1990226, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 15, 2018) (“[C]ourts in this district have ‘presume[d] that  
20 Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm if its proprietary information is misappropriated.’” (quoting  
21 *W. Directories, Inc. v. Golden Guide Directories, Inc.*, No. 09-cv-1625, 2009 WL 1625945, at \*6  
22 (N.D. Cal. 2009))); *Citibank, N.A. v. Mitchell*, No. 24-cv-08224, 2024 WL 4906076, at \*5 (N.D.  
23 Cal. Nov. 26, 2024) (“[A]n intention to make imminent or continued use of a trade secret . . . will  
24 almost always certainly show irreparable harm.” (quoting *Sun Distrib. Co. v. Corbett*, No. 18-cv-  
25 2231, 2018 WL 4951966, at \*7 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 12, 2018))); *Stuhlbarg Int’l Sales Co. v. John D.  
26 Brush & Co.*, 240 F.3d 832, 841 (9th Cir. 2001) (“Evidence of threatened loss of prospective  
27 customers or goodwill certainly supports a finding of the possibility of irreparable harm.”)).  
28 Google has demonstrated that both threats are present here: PFI’s apparent interference with

1 Google's vendor contracts presents a risk of reputational harm, and PFI's assertion that it plans to  
2 sell the [REDACTED] presents a significant risk of trade secret disclosure. In  
3 its opposition, PFI does not address either of these two irreparable harms. Therefore, the second  
4 *Winter* factor supports issuance of the requested TRO.

5 **3. Balance of Equities**

6 The third *Winter* factor considers whether "the balance of equities tips" in the movant's  
7 favor. *Winter*, 555 U.S. at 20. Google argues that the equities favor granting the requested  
8 injunction, because "Google owns licenses and access rights to the [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]," and there is "no urgency in the sale" of  
10 those materials. Mot. at 22. Even if PFI suffered harm as a result of the delayed sale, Google  
11 argues that "such harm [would] not outweigh" the harm presented if Google's trade secrets were  
12 to be disclosed to a competitor or a "bad actor." *Id.* In response, PFI argues that "[e]quity dictates  
13 denial of Google's request for an injunction," because Google is a larger company with greater  
14 resources at its disposal, so it would be "a far greater hardship to PFI to be deprived of the income  
15 stream from the CNEX assets than the hardship to Google" in paying the royalties PFI claims  
16 Google owes. Opp. at 14–15.

17 The Court finds that the equities favor Google. In focusing on the Parties' respective  
18 economic positions, PFI ignores the serious equitable issue presented by wrongful disclosure of  
19 trade secrets. As discussed in the preceding subsection of this Order, such disclosure is widely  
20 considered to be an irreparable harm, whereas the potential harm to PFI of a delayed sale is only  
21 financial. And in light of the fact that Google has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the  
22 merits of its tortious interference claim, the Court concludes that it is hardly a hardship on PFI to  
23 require it to refrain from disrupting Google's contracts. Accordingly, the Court finds that it is in  
24 the interest of equity to require a brief delay of any sale in order to confirm and preserve the  
25 Parties' respective contractual and intellectual property rights. *See Comet Techs.*, 2018 WL  
26 1990226, at \*5 ("[T]he Court finds that granting Plaintiff's TRO will result in little meaningful  
27 hardship to Defendant because the TRO 'would essentially only require him to abide by existing  
28 law regarding the unauthorized use of another's trade secrets.''" (quoting *Pyro Spectaculars N.*,

1 *Inc. v. Souza*, 861 F. Supp. 2d 1079, 1092 (E.D. Cal. 2012)); *Dish Network L.L.C. v. Ramirez*,  
2 No. 15-cv-04712, 2016 WL 3092184, at \*7 (N.D. Cal. June 2, 2016) (noting that the balance of  
3 hardships favors the movant when it would “do no more than require Defendant to comply with  
4 federal and state . . . laws”).

5 **4. Public Interest**

6 The final *Winter* factor considers whether an injunction is in the public interest. *Winter*,  
7 555 U.S. at 20. Google argues that “[w]hen the reach of an injunction is narrow, limited only to  
8 the parties, and has no impact on non-parties, the public interest will be ‘at most a neutral factor in  
9 the analysis rather than one that’” militates either in favor of or against granting the injunction.  
10 Mot. at 22–23 (quoting *Stormans, Inc. v. Selecky*, 586 F.3d 1109, 1138–39 (9th Cir. 2009)). In  
11 addition, Google argues that the public interest favors protecting Google’s “bargained-for license  
12 and access rights to the [REDACTED]” and Google’s intellectual property  
13 rights. *Id.* at 23. PFI does not address this factor of the *Winter* analysis.

14 The requested injunction is largely limited to the two Parties in this lawsuit, and thus this  
15 factor is generally neutral. *See Selecky*, 586 F.3d at 1138–39. In addition, it is in the public  
16 interest to protect contractual and statutory rights, and to protect (to the extent possible) against  
17 cybersecurity threats. *See Henry Schein, Inc. v. Cook*, 191 F. Supp. 3d 1072, 1078 (N.D. Cal.  
18 2016) (“Similarly, the public interest is served when defendant is asked to do no more than abide  
19 by trade laws and the obligations of contractual agreements signed with her employer. Public  
20 interest is also served by enabling the protection of trade secrets.”). Given the Court’s conclusion  
21 that Google has shown a likelihood of success on the merits, both concerns are better addressed by  
22 Google’s position. Therefore, the fourth *Winter* factor also weighs in favor of granting a  
23 temporary restraining order.

24 **B. Security**

25 Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, “[t]he court may issue a preliminary injunction  
26 or a temporary restraining order only if the movant gives security in an amount that the court  
27 considers proper to pay the costs and damages sustained by any party found to have been  
28 wrongfully enjoined or restrained.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c). District courts are invested “with

1 discretion as to the amount of security required, if any.” *Jorgensen v. Cassiday*, 320 F.3d 906,  
2 919 (9th Cir. 2003) (quoting *Barahona-Gomez v. Reno*, 167 F.3d 1228, 1237 (9th Cir. 1999)).

3 PFI requests that the Court set security at \$150,000,000.00, which is its claimed value of  
4 the CNEX assets as estimated by PFI’s President. Opp. at 15 (citing Opp., Ex. F). However, PFI  
5 provides no evidentiary support for its purported valuation of the CNEX assets. The declaration  
6 from PFI’s President does not disclose a proper foundation for the validity of his estimate, and  
7 CNEX itself apparently valued the assets at \$0 in its bankruptcy filings. *See Reply*, Ex. 3 at 3–4;  
8 *Reply*, Ex. 4 at 5–6. Therefore, the Court estimates that the damage to PFI if it is wrongfully  
9 enjoined is limited to the attorneys’ fees and costs involved in defending itself against Google’s  
10 suit. The Court estimates the cost of the legal defense to be \$250,000.00 and sets security at that  
11 amount.

12 **C. Expedited Discovery**

13 The Parties seek expedited discovery in order to ascertain whether CNEX’s and Google’s  
14 respective intellectual property can be effectively segregated, so that PFI can proceed with a  
15 foreclosure sale of those assets belonging to CNEX. Expedited discovery may be permitted on a  
16 showing of good cause, which “may be found where the need for expedited discovery, in  
17 consideration of the administration of justice, outweighs the prejudice to the responding party.”  
18 *Semitool, Inc. v. Tokyo Electron Am., Inc.*, 208 F.R.D. 273, 276 (N.D. Cal. 2002). Here, the  
19 Parties agree about the need for expedited discovery, and the mutual request is GRANTED.

20 **IV. ORDER**

21 For the foregoing reasons, PFI and any persons in active concert or participation with PFI,  
22 are hereby RESTRAINED, ENJOINED, and ORDERED as follows:

23 1. PFI is ENJOINED and RESTRAINED from contacting the Vendors and taking any  
24 action intended to or having the effect of interfering with Google’s license and access rights to the  
25 “[REDACTED]” (defined at ECF 3-1, pg. 2, lines 8-14, which includes  
26 [REDACTED]  
27 [REDACTED]  
28 [REDACTED] (see ECF 3, Ex. 4, § 10.4(D)) and its license rights to the “[REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]" (defined at ECF 3-1, pg. 7, lines 13-19; which includes [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] (see ECF 3, Ex. 4, § 1.15))  
6 or any action intended to disrupt or having the effect of disrupting of the manufacture of the  
7 [REDACTED]; and  
8 2. PFI is ENJOINED and RESTRAINED from taking further possession of the  
9 [REDACTED], which Google alleges contains its trade secrets, and from  
10 disclosing, selling, or licensing the [REDACTED] to any third parties.

11 This Temporary Restraining Order granted on May 19, 2025 at 10:40 a.m. shall expire on  
12 July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise extended for good cause or with the consent of all  
13 parties.

14 **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

15 Defendant PFI is FURTHER ORDERED to appear in Courtroom 1 of the Robert F.  
16 Peckham Federal Building & United States Courthouse, located at 280 South 1st Street, San Jose,  
17 CA 95113 on July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be  
18 granted and why Defendant PFI, and any persons in active concert or participation with PFI  
19 should not, pending trial, be ENJOINED and RESTRAINED from (a) contacting the Vendors and  
20 taking any action intended to or having the effect of interfering with Google's license and access  
21 rights to the [REDACTED] and its license rights to the [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED] or any action intended to disrupt or having the effect of disrupting of  
23 the manufacture of the [REDACTED] and (b) taking further possession of the [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED], which Google alleges contains its trade secrets, and from disclosing,  
25 selling, or licensing the [REDACTED] to any third parties.

26 This Order to Show Cause and supporting papers shall be served on Defendant PFI no later  
27 than June 5, 2025, by hand-delivery or electronically, including email. Any opposition papers  
28 shall be filed no later than June 19, 2025, and any reply papers shall be filed no later than June 26,

1 2025. If desired, the Parties may work out an alternative briefing schedule and submit it as a  
2 stipulation for the Court's approval, so long as the deadline for the reply brief is no later than June  
3 26, 2025.

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5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 Dated: May 22, 2025

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9 BETH LABSON FREEMAN  
10 United States District Judge

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