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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AIRHAWK INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a California limited liability company,

New Jersey corporation,

Plaintiff,

ONTEL PRODUCTS CORPORATION, a

Defendant.

Case No.: 18cv73-MMA (AGS)

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL EXHIBIT A TO THE STEVEN A. CALOIARO DECLARATION

[Doc. No. 122]

In connection with Defendant's supplemental briefing regarding its evidentiary objections, Defendant moves to file under seal Exhibit A to the Declaration of Steven A. Caloairo. *See* Doc. No. 122. Exhibit A consists of excerpts of the deposition transcript of Plaintiff's Rule 30(b)(6) deposition. *See id.* Pursuant to the terms of the Protective Order entered in this case, Plaintiff designated the transcript as confidential. *See id.* Thus, Defendant maintains that Plaintiff, as the designating party, must set forth compelling reasons for maintaining the deposition transcript excerpts under seal. *See id.* The Court agrees.

Generally, a party seeking to seal a judicial record can overcome the presumption in favor of access by "articulat[ing] compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings . . . that outweigh the general history of access and the public policies favoring disclosure, such as the public interest in understanding the judicial process." *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation

marks omitted).

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Defendant filed its motion on December 16, 2019. See Doc. No. 122. To date, Plaintiff has not filed a response setting forth compelling reasons to seal this transcript. Additionally, upon review of the transcript, the excerpts do not contain the type of information that, if disclosed, would harm Plaintiff's competitive standing. Accordingly, because there has been no showing of compelling reasons to shield this information from public view, the Court **DENIES** Defendant's motion. As set forth in the Court's previous order ruling on the parties' motions to file documents under seal, pursuant to the District's Electronic Case Filing Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, if a "motion to seal is denied, the document will remain lodged under seal without further consideration absent contrary direction from the Court." If Defendant would like the Court to consider Exhibit A in ruling on the pending dispositive motions, Defendant must re-file the exhibit on the public docket on or before

Monday, December 23, 2019.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: December 20, 2019

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HON. MICHAEL M. ANELLO

United States District Judge