

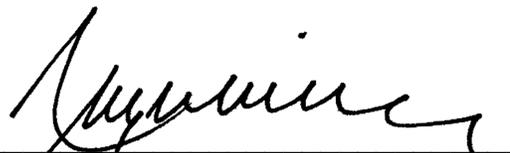
1 been previously designated “Confidential” or “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only,”
2 pursuant to the Protective Order issued in this case. *See* ECF No. 43.

3 “[C]ompelling reasons sufficient to outweigh the public’s interest in disclosure and
4 justify sealing court records exist when such court files might . . . become a vehicle for
5 improper purposes, such as the use of records to . . . release trade secrets.” *Kamakana v.*
6 *City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). A “trade secret may
7 consist of any formula, pattern, device or compilation of information which is used in
8 one’s business, and which gives him an opportunity to obtain an advantage over
9 competitors who do not know or use it.” The Court can seal proprietary information to
10 protect a business from potential harm. *See Obesity Research Institute, LLC v. Fiber*
11 *Research International, LLC*, No. 15-CV-00595-BAS-MDD, 2017 WL 6270268, at *2
12 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 8, 2017) (granting motion to file documents containing proprietary
13 business information under seal).

14 Accordingly, the motions to seal are granted. Redacted versions of the
15 aforementioned documents have been filed on the public docket. The Clerk is directed to
16 file unredacted versions of the documents and exhibits lodged at Docket Numbers 142
17 and 187 under seal.

18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19 Dated: November 16, 2021

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21 **HON. ROGER T. BENITEZ**
22 United States District Judge
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