

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 14-cv-02383-CMA-BNB

VALLEY EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MCGRIFF, SEIBELS & WILLIAMS OF OREGON, INC., and
RYAN ERICKSON,

Defendants.

PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Parties, by and through their respective counsel, stipulate and agree to the entry of a protective order to protect the discovery and dissemination of confidential information,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Protective Order shall apply to all documents, materials, and information, including without limitation, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, and other information disclosed pursuant to the disclosure or discovery duties created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. As used in this Protective Order, “document” is defined as provided in Fed.R.Civ.P. 34(a). A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

3. Information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information that a producing party in good faith regards as confidential and implicates the proprietary, confidential, competitively

sensitive and/or trade secret information within the meaning of Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c)(1(G)).

CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose except the preparation and trial of this case.

4. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and/or information (collectively “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed *except that* such information may be disclosed to:

- (a) attorneys actively working on this case;
- (b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;
- (c) the parties, including the plaintiff's and defendants' designated representatives;
- (d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings in this case;
- (e) the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- (f) stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;
- (g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses; and
- (h) other persons by written agreement of the parties.

5. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court Personnel and stenographic reporters), counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgment in the form appended to here as Appendix A stating that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its provisions. All such acknowledgments shall

be retained by counsel and shall be subject to *in camera* review by the Court if good cause for review is demonstrated by opposing counsel.

6. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing or affixing on them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the following or other appropriate notice: “CONFIDENTIAL.”

7. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information, the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as CONFIDENTIAL after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly given to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

8. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL information by filing and serving a Notice of Objection to Designation of Confidential Information (“Notice”) on the party designating the disputed information. The Notice shall identify the information to which the objection is made and the basis for the objection. If the parties cannot resolve the objection within ten (10) business days after the time the Notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall continue to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be treated as

CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

9. The termination of this action shall not relieve counsel or other persons obligated hereunder for their responsibilities to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential information pursuant to this Protective Order.

10. By agreeing to the entry of this Protective Order, the parties adopt no position as to the authenticity of admissibility of documents produced subject to it.

11. At the conclusion of this case, including any appeals, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each document and all copies thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall be returned to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL, or the parties may elect to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents. Where the parties agree to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents, the destroying party shall provide all parties with an affidavit confirming the destruction.

12. Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any party from filing a motion seeking further or different protection from the Court under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or from filing a motion with respect to the manner in which Confidential information shall be treated at trial.

13. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

Dated October 15, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Boyd N. Boland
United States Magistrate Judge

Appendix A

Valley Equipment Leasing, Inc., v. McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Oregon, Inc., et al.
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
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AGREEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

1. My full name is: _____
2. My address is: _____
3. My present employer is:

4. My present occupation or job description is: _____
5. I have received a copy of the Protective Order entered in this case. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of the Protective Order. I will comply with all of the provisions of the Protective Order.
6. I will not disclose any documents covered by the Protective Order except as provided by the Protective Order. I will use any such information only with respect to this case.
7. I will return all documents covered by the Protective Order that come into my possession and all documents or things which I have prepared which contain such information to any attorney representing the party that has employed or retained me at the conclusion of this case.
8. I submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcement of the Protective Order.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2014.
