Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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Plaintiff,

VS.

Civil Action No. 3:10-CV-01523-SRU

ROLLS-ROYCE PLC

Defendant.

October 4, 2010

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss: CHICAGO
COLINTY OF COOK)

AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL J. SKIERMONT

I, Paul J. Skiermont, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen and understand the obligation of an oath.
- 2. I am a partner with the law firm of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP with offices at 54 West Hubbard Street, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. My telephone number is 312-494-4442; my fax number is 312-494-4400; my e-mail address is paul.skiermont@bartlit-beck.com
- 3. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois (admitted 11/7/2002).
- 4. I am admitted to practice in the courts of Texas State Bar (admitted 11/2/2001 [inactive status]), United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (admitted 4/28/2003), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (admitted

3/9/2005), United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (admitted 12/12/07), and United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (admitted 8/16/10).

- I have never been denied admission or disciplined in accordance with D. Conn. L.
 Civ. R. 83.2, or been denied admission or disciplined by any other court.
- 6. I have fully reviewed and am familiar with the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

I swear that the foregoing is true and correct.

October 4, 2010

Paul J. Skiermont

Illinois Bar No. 06278464

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 2010.

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CATHY L. PETERS
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5-7-2013