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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA DIVISION

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GLOBAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT
GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

V.

JOSEPH MULLINS, Individually and
as Mullins Management, Inc., his alter
ego; and MULLINS MANAGEMENT,
INC., d/b/a Mullins Management
Entertainment;

Defendants.

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CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the Court order dated June 1, 2015, to expedite the flow of sensitive discovery material, facilitate the prompt resolution of a dispute over confidentiality, adequately protect material entitled to be kept confidential, and ensure that protection is afforded only to material so entitled, it is, pursuant to the Court's authority under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) and by consent of the parties, ORDERED as follows:

1. **Non-disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents.** Except with the prior written consent of the party or other person originally designating a document to be stamped as a confidential document, or as hereinafter

provided under this Order, no stamped confidential document may be disclosed to any person other than Global Events Management Group, Inc.'s lawyers and staff employed by Austin & Sparks, P.C., including John T. Sparks, Sr., John Austin, and Austin & Sparks paralegals who are assisting in this case and who will help with the evaluation and use of this information. This restriction includes Global Events Management Group, Inc.'s principal, Maher Jaber or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agent, servants and/or representatives. A "stamped Confidential Document" means any document which bears the legend (or which shall otherwise have had the legend recorded upon it in a way that brings it to the attention of a reasonable examiner) "Confidential" to signify that it contains information believed to be subject to protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) and this Court's order. For purposes of this Order, the term "document" means all written, recorded, or graphic material, whether produced pursuant to this Court's order, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34, subpoena, by agreement, or otherwise. Interrogatory answers, responses to requests for admission, deposition transcripts and exhibits, pleadings, motions, affidavits, and briefs that quote, summarize, or contain materials entitled to protection may be accorded status as a stamped confidential document, but, to the extent feasible, shall be prepared in such a manner that

the confidential information is bound separately from that not entitled to protection.

2. **Permissible Disclosure.** Pursuant to Paragraph 1, stamped confidential documents may only be disclosed to counsel for the parties in this action who are actively engaged in the conduct of litigation involving Global Events Management Group, Inc. and Mullins Management, Inc.; to the partners, associates, secretaries, paralegal assistants, and employees of such counsel to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional service in such litigation; to persons with prior knowledge of the documents or the confidential information contained therein, and their agents; and to court officials involved in such litigation (including court reporters, persons operating video recording equipment at depositions, and any special master appointed by the Court). Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c), such documents may also be disclosed:

- A. to any person designated by the Court in the interest of justice, upon such terms as the Court may deem proper; and
- B. to persons noticed for depositions or designated as trial witnesses to the extent reasonably necessary in preparing to testify; to outside consultants or experts retained for the purpose of assisting counsel in the litigation; provided, however, that in all such cases the individual

to whom disclosure is to be made has signed a form, with a copy of such form to be provided to this Court and to counsel for Defendant prior to production of the confidential documents or information, containing:

- (1) a recital that the signatory has read and understands this Order;
- (2) a recital that the signatory understands that unauthorized disclosures of the stamped confidential documents constitute contempt of Court, unless such disclosures are determined by the Court to be inadvertent or otherwise unintentional; and,
- (3) a statement that the signatory consents to the exercise of personal jurisdiction by this Court.

C. Before disclosing a stamped confidential document to any person listed in subparagraph (a) and (b) who is a competitor (or an employee of a competitor) of the party that so designated the document, the party wishing to make such disclosure shall give at least ten (10) days' advance notice in writing to the counsel who designated such information as confidential, stating the names and addresses of the person(s) to whom the disclosure will be made, identifying with particularity the documents to be disclosed, and stating the purposes of such disclosure. If, within the ten-day period, a motion is filed

objecting to the proposed disclosure, disclosure is not permissible until the Court has denied such motion.

3. **Confidential Information in Depositions.**

- A. A deponent may during the deposition be shown and examined about stamped confidential documents if the deponent already knows the confidential information contained therein or if the provisions of Paragraph 2 are complied with. Deponents shall not retain or copy portions of the transcript of their depositions that contain confidential information not provided by them or the entities they represent unless they sign the form prescribed in Paragraph 2. A deponent who is not a party or a representative of a party shall be furnished a copy of this Order before being examined about, or asked to produce, potentially confidential documents.
- B. Parties (and deponents) may, within thirty (30) days after receiving a deposition, designate pages of the transcript (and exhibits thereto) as confidential. Confidential information within the deposition transcript may be designated by underlining the portions of the pages that are confidential and marking such pages with the following legend: "Confidential – Subject to Protection Pursuant to Court Order." Under expiration of the thirty-day period, the entire deposition will be read

as subject to protection against disclosure under this Order. If no party or deponent timely designates confidential information in a deposition, then none of the transcript or its exhibits will be treated as confidential; if a timely designation is made, the confidential portions and exhibits shall be filed under seal separate from the portions and exhibits not so marked.

5. **Confidential Information at Trial.** Subject to the Federal Rules of evidence, stamped confidential documents and other confidential information may be offered in evidence at trial or any court hearing. Any party may move the Court for an order that the evidence be received *in camera* or under other conditions to prevent unnecessary disclosure. The Court will then determine whether the proffered evidence should continue to be treated as confidential information and, if so, what protection, if any, may be afforded to such information at the trial.
6. **Subpoena by Other Courts or Agencies.** If another court or an administrative agency subpoenas or orders production of stamped confidential documents that a party has obtained under the terms of this Order, such party shall promptly notify the party or other person who designated the document as confidential of the pendency of such subpoena or order.

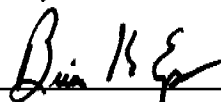
7. **Filing.**
 - A. Except as required or allowed by statute or rule, no matter may be placed under seal without permission of the Court.
 - B. If the parties file documents under seal, they will comply with Local Rule 79.7.
8. **Client Communication.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from rendering advice to their clients and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of stamped confidential documents; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any item so designated except pursuant to the procedures of paragraphs 2(b) and (c).
9. **Prohibited Copying.** If a document contains information so sensitive that it should not be copied by anyone, it shall bear the additional legend "Copying Prohibited." Application for relief from this restriction against copying may be made to the Court, with notice to counsel so designating the document.
10. **Use.** Persons obtaining access to stamped confidential documents under this Order shall use the information only for preparation and trial of litigation involving Global Events Management Group, Inc. and Mullins Management, Inc. (including appeals and retrials), and shall not use such information for

any other purpose, including business, governmental, commercial, administrative, or judicial proceedings.

11. **Modification Permitted.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party or other person from seeking modification of this Order or from objecting to discovery that it believes to be otherwise improper.
12. **Responsibility of Attorneys.** The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable measures, consistent with this Order, to control duplication of, access to, and distribution of copies of stamped confidential documents. Parties shall not duplicate any stamped confidential document except working copies and for filing in court under seal.
 - A. Review of the confidential documents and information by counsel, experts, or consultants for the litigants in the litigation shall not waive the confidentiality of the documents or objections to production.
 - B. The inadvertent, unintentional, or *in camera* disclosure of confidential document and information shall not, under any circumstances, be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party's claims of confidentiality.
13. Nothing contained in this Order and no action taken pursuant to it shall prejudice the right of any party to contest the alleged relevancy,

admissibility, or discoverability of the confidential documents and information sought.

SO ORDERED, this 13th day of July, 2015.



Brian K. Epps, Judge,
U.S. District Court
Southern District of Georgia

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