



1 materials that may contain confidential information and trade secrets, and prevent breach  
2 of the confidential provisions set forth in contracts. For purposes of this Agreed Order,  
3 "Confidential Information" shall mean documents or other materials that one or more  
4 parties believe to include proprietary information relating to their business, disclosure of  
5 which might be harmful. Documents or information designated by one or more parties as  
6 "Confidential Information" pursuant to this Agreed Order governing discovery shall be  
7 without prejudice to any party's claim, defense or contention, whether relating to  
8 discovery issues in this lawsuit or to substantive issues in this or any other lawsuit,  
9 provided that such documents or information do not in fact constitute trade secrets or  
10 confidential information.

11 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Confidential Information" does not include  
12 information which (a) is in or becomes a part of the public domain without violation of this  
13 Agreed Order by any party to this litigation or their counsel; (b) is customarily provided by  
14 any party to this litigation to third parties without restriction on disclosure; (c) was known  
15 to a party to this litigation on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to such party  
16 or their counsel in this litigation; or (d) is not otherwise subject to a restriction on  
17 disclosure and is rightfully obtained by any party or their counsel from a source other than  
18 a party in this litigation.

19 Accordingly, in the interests of justice and to expedite discovery, the parties hereby  
20 STIPULATE AND AGREE that:

21 1. Confidential Information: To protect trade secrets or other confidential research,  
22 development or commercial information, any party or third party may designate  
23 documents, information or testimony as Confidential Information under this Order as  
24 follows:

25 A. The designation shall be made by clearly stamping or marking any  
26 document, including any interrogatory answer or transcript, with the word  
27 "CONFIDENTIAL."

28 B. Transcripts (or portions thereof) may be designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or

1 "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" (described in paragraphs 3 and 4 below) by instructing the  
2 reporter to stamp or mark the transcript (or portions thereof) within ten (10) days after it is  
3 received, and shall be treated as Attorneys' Eyes Only Information until the ten (10) day  
4 designation period has passed.

5 C. In the case of electronically-stored information, a party producing  
6 Confidential Information in an electronically-stored format, shall stamp the physical  
7 medium by which the information is transmitted (e.g. computer tape, computer disk, CD  
8 Rom, etc.) as "CONFIDENTIAL." If the party to whom such electronically-stored  
9 information is produced shall create any readable report or output from such confidential  
10 data, that party shall prominently label each page of such output report as  
11 "CONFIDENTIAL."

12 D. A party, provider of documents or non-party witness may denominate any  
13 response to any written discovery request brief, motion or other material filed with the  
14 court, and any appendix, exhibit or document pertaining to such material as Confidential  
15 Information by stamping the cover or first page, "CONFIDENTIAL."

16 E. Documents produced, or to be produced by a third-party, including but not  
17 limited to personal financial bank records, tax records or other private documents or  
18 information, may be designated as confidential prior to their release through subpoena  
19 via a written notice to all parties.

20 2. Limited Disclosure and Use of Confidential Information: A person who receives  
21 Confidential Information has a duty to preserve confidentiality, shall not make any further  
22 disclosure of it except as authorized below or by further order, and shall use it only for  
23 purposes of this case or any arbitration or mediation related to this case. A receiving  
24 person may make disclosure to the following persons:

25 A. Attorneys of record for the parties of this litigation;

26 B. Designated business persons from each of the corporate parties  
27 ("Corporate Designees"), but only to the extent necessary for the conduct of this action;  
28 provided, however, that no Confidential Information shall be revealed to such persons

1 until the conditions detailed in Paragraph 6 have been met;

2 C. Deposition reporters;

3 D. Independent experts, investigators, and other consultants retained by  
4 counsel; provided, however, that no Confidential Information shall be revealed to such  
5 persons until the conditions detailed in Paragraph 6 have been met; provided further,  
6 however, that the retained person is not employed during the pendency of the litigation,  
7 and has not been employed during the past two (2) years, by a person or entity that  
8 competes with the producing party;

9 E. Associates, secretaries, paralegals, clerical, and other employees of the  
10 individuals identified in subparagraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) above, to the extent  
11 reasonably necessary to render professional services in the litigation;

12 F. A deponent during the course of his or her deposition;

13 G. Any person who is referenced in Confidential Information; provided,  
14 however, that no Confidential Information shall be revealed to such persons until the  
15 conditions detailed in Paragraph 6 have been met;

16 H. Witnesses or prospective witnesses in the course of investigation or in  
17 preparation for deposition, or at deposition; provided, however, that no Confidential  
18 Information shall be revealed to such persons until the conditions detailed in Paragraph 6  
19 have been met; and

20 I. The Court, any arbitrator, mediator, or adjudicator and their personnel.

21 3. Attorneys' Eyes Only Information. A producing party may designate Confidential  
22 Information as "Attorneys' Eyes Only" if the party makes a good faith determination that  
23 the information threatens significant competitive harm if revealed to an opposing party or  
24 other competitor. The designation shall be made in a manner similar to that provided in  
25 paragraph 1, using the words "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

26 4. Further Limitations on Disclosure and Use of Attorneys' Eyes Only Information.

27 (a) Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be treated in all respects as  
28 "Confidential Information" under this Protective Order. In addition to the protections

1 already contained herein, Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be subject to the  
2 following additional restrictions:

- 3 (i) Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall only be  
4 disclosed to those persons listed in paragraph 2(a), (d),  
5 (f), and (i) hereof;
- 6 (ii) Authorized counsel may not communicate or transmit  
7 any Attorneys' Eyes Only Information, or the contents  
8 of those materials, to any employee, director, agent  
9 and/or representative of the parties in this action,  
10 including in-house counsel of any corporate party; and
- 11 (iii) If Attorneys' Eyes Only Information is used during a  
12 deposition, the party introducing the Attorneys' Eyes  
13 Only Information topic shall announce that such a topic  
14 or document will be the subject of questions. All  
15 persons not allowed to view or receive such information  
16 shall leave the deposition at that time. The transcript of  
17 any questioning regarding Attorneys' Eyes Only  
18 Information topics shall be kept separately from the  
19 main transcript of the deposition and shall be stamped  
20 or marked "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY  
21 INFORMATION."

22 (b) Any breach of this provision shall entitle the party whose Attorneys'  
23 Eyes Only Information was disclosed to seek immediate equitable relief in this Court, in  
24 addition to such other sanctions and remedies as may be appropriate.

25 (c) The protection afforded by this paragraph to Attorneys' Eyes Only  
26 Information shall be preserved at all pre-trial hearings of this matter, and until further  
27 modified by the Court.

28 5. Submission to Court. ~~No Confidential Information, whether embodied in physical~~

1 objects, documents, electronic items, or the transcription of  
2 statements of persons, shall be less the producing party consents  
3 in writing to such filing, or unless filed in a sealed envelope on which shall be endorsed  
4 the caption of the action and a statement substantially in the following form:

5 **CONFIDENTIAL**

6 This envelope contains documents or information in this case that is subject to a  
7 Confidentiality Order entered by the Court. This envelope shall not be opened nor the  
8 contents thereof displayed or revealed except by Order of Court. Violation thereof may  
9 be regarded as contempt of Court.

10 A party discharges its obligations under this paragraph by filing a pleading, motion,  
11 brief, or other papers in two parts and placing the part which contains Confidential  
12 Information under seal. Any courtesy copy delivered to the Court shall be marked:  
13 "Courtesy Copy - Original Under Seal." Similar procedures shall be followed with regard  
14 to Attorneys Eyes Only Information.

15 6. Prior to the disclosure of any Confidential Information to any person described in  
16 paragraph 2 (b), (c), (e), (h), or (i), or any Attorneys' Eyes Only Information to any person  
17 described in paragraph 2 (e) above, counsel for the party disclosing such Confidential  
18 and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall provide such person with a copy of this  
19 Order, shall advise them that the disclosure of Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
20 Information is subject to its terms, and shall obtain and retain a signed Declaration of  
21 Compliance, in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," from each such person. Counsel  
22 for each party shall retain the original of any Declaration of Compliance received from  
23 persons to whom Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information is provided, in  
24 accordance with this Order.

25 7. If any party believes that a designation as Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
26 Information as to any document, material or information by any other party or by any  
27 witness is unwarranted, it may so inform the designating party or witness in writing. Upon  
28 receipt by the designating party of such written objection, the parties shall negotiate in

1 good faith to resolve their differences. If, within ten (10) days after such written objection  
2 to a designation the parties have failed to reach agreement, the party objecting to the  
3 designation may apply to the Court for a ruling that the designation as to any document,  
4 material or information shall not be treated as designated, giving notice to the party or  
5 non-party producing the documents. No disclosure of any documents, material or  
6 information designated as Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be  
7 made, except in accordance herewith, by the recipient prior to decision by the Court on  
8 any such motion. In any proceeding challenging the propriety of the designation of any  
9 document, information or materials as Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
10 Information, the party, provider of documents or witness who has designated the  
11 document, material or information as Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
12 Information shall bear the burden of establishing the propriety of that designation. Until  
13 the Court enters an Order changing the designation for any document, material or  
14 information, it shall be given "Confidential" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only" (however  
15 designated) treatment in accordance with this Order.

16 8. Unless otherwise ordered or agreed, neither the termination of this lawsuit nor the  
17 termination of employment of any person who has had access to any Confidential and/or  
18 Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall relieve such person from the terms of this Order.

19 9. This Order shall not be deemed a waiver of:

20 (a) Any party's right to object to any discovery requests on any ground or  
21 to seek a protective order with respect to any such discovery request;

22 (b) Any party's right to seek an order compelling discovery with respect  
23 to any discovery request;

24 (c) Any party's right to object to the admission of any evidence on any  
25 ground;

26 (d) Any party's right to seek a modification of this Order upon reasonable  
27 notice to all other parties; or

28 (e) Any party's right to challenge the propriety of the designation of any

1 material as Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information at any time. Failure of  
2 any party to promptly challenge the propriety of such a designation shall not preclude that  
3 party's subsequent objection to such designation, a motion by that party to seek a  
4 determination as to the propriety of such designation or a motion by that party to  
5 otherwise modify the provisions of this Order. The designation by a party that material is  
6 Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only shall not constitute an admission by any other  
7 party that the material is confidential.

8 10. All Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be returned as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Within thirty (30) days after the final determination of this Action, or  
11 sooner if agreed to in writing by the parties, all Confidential and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
12 Information, including originals, and subject to subparagraph (c) hereof, copies, abstracts  
13 or summaries thereof, shall be returned to the attorney for the party producing and  
14 providing the material or destroyed by the party receiving such material, and no copies  
15 thereof shall be retained by any other person; provided, however, that counsel of record  
16 for the parties may keep, in strictest confidence, one copy of any part of the Confidential  
17 and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information produced by others that has become part of the  
18 official record of this litigation. Such copy shall remain subject to the terms of this Order;

19 (b) If Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information is furnished to  
20 a testifying or consulting expert, investigator, other consultant, or witness, the attorney for  
21 the party using such expert, investigator, other consultant, or witness shall have the  
22 responsibility of ensuring that all such material, including copies, abstracts and  
23 summaries thereof, is returned to the party producing the same or destroyed; and

24 (c) Counsel of record for each party may retain abstracts or summaries  
25 of materials, which contain counsel's mental impressions or opinions. Such abstracts or  
26 summaries, which contain or refer to Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information  
27 shall, however, remain subject to the terms of this Order.

28 11. Any party in receipt of a subpoena, official agency request for information or other

1 legal process seeking documents or other information designated Confidential and/or  
2 Attorneys' Eyes Only by another party or entity hereunder, shall first notify the other party  
3 or entity which designated the information, in writing, of its intention to comply with that  
4 subpoena, agency request or legal process and shall give the designating party or entity  
5 sufficient notice to enable that party or entity to seek a protective order or otherwise take  
6 action to prevent disclosure. A party intending disclosure pursuant to a subpoena,  
7 agency request for information or other legal process shall not disclose the information  
8 sought until the objecting party, or entity has unsuccessfully exhausted all available legal  
9 or administrative procedures for resisting such disclosure, unless ordered by a court to do  
10 so; provided, however, that if the objecting party or entity does not act to protect its  
11 interests in accordance with applicable procedural rules, including rules governing the  
12 time within action must be taken, the other party shall be entitled to disclose.

13 12. The parties will cooperate to establish a procedure for the use of information that  
14 has been designated Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only at trial or during any court  
15 hearing.

16 The Court will set appropriate restrictions upon notification of the confidential nature of  
17 the proceeding.

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20 13. If any adverse party misuses or improperly discloses Confidential and/or Attorneys'  
21 Eyes Only Information in violation of this Order, any other entity involved may petition the  
22 Court for relief from the terms of this Order and may also seek appropriate sanctions.  
23 Any party who claims that a violation of this Order has occurred shall have the burden of  
24 proof on that issue.

25 14. Each party will endeavor to make reasonable efforts to ensure that materials and  
26 documents that should bear the Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only legend are so  
27 labeled in fact. A failure to so designate any document or material shall not be deemed a  
28 waiver of the confidentiality protection. In the event a party belatedly determines that any

1 document or material should be designated as Confidential under this Stipulation and  
2 Order, such party will so notify the other party and the other party shall agree to accept  
3 that notification and arrange to comply with the remaining provisions of this Confidentiality  
4 Stipulation and Order to such late designated documents and materials.

5 15. Any party, persons and/or entities obtaining access to Confidential and/or  
6 Attorneys' Eyes Only Information under this Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective  
7 Order, shall use the information only for preparation and trial of the above-captioned  
8 litigation (including appeals and retrials thereof), and shall absolutely not use such  
9 information for any other purpose whatsoever, including business, governmental,  
10 commercial, or administrative or judicial proceedings.

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1 16. Each party agrees to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Stipulation and  
2 Order as of the date it is executed, prior to the entry of the Order by the Court. This  
3 Confidentiality Stipulation and Order may be executed in any number of counterparts,  
4 each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute  
5 one instrument.

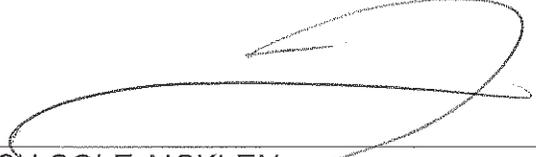
6 DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

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ORDER

Based upon the foregoing stipulation of the parties, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties have entered a Confidentiality Agreement governing production of records set forth herein.

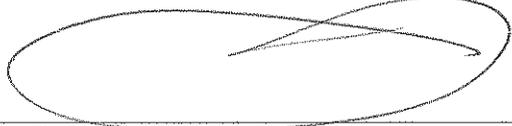
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall be bound by this agreement, with terms set forth herein in producing discovery documents, electronic data and files.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2014.

  
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