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 8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 ROBERT THURMAN-SILVA, an individual,
 Plaintiff,
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 vs.
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 13 EMPLOYBRIDGE SOUTHWEST, LLC d/b/a
 PROLOGISTIX, a Foreign Limited-Liability
 Company; THYSSENKRUPP SUPPLY
 14 CHAIN SERVICES NA, INC., a Foreign
 Corporation; and, TESLA MOTORS, INC., a
 15 Foreign Corporation; DOE BUSINESS
 ENTITIES 1-10; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-10.
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 Defendants.
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CASE NO: 3:19-cv-683-LRH-WGC

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
Regarding
CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS
PRODUCED IN LITIGATION

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18 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (“Fed. R. Civ. P.”) 26(f) and U.S. District Court of
 19 Nevada Rule (“Local Rule”) 26-1(e), the parties through their respective counsel, hereby submit the
 20 following *Stipulated Protective Order*.

21 **I. RECITALS**

22 WHEREAS: the parties to the above-captioned litigation anticipate that discovery will require
 23 the parties to disclose records and information that are confidential and sensitive, including because
 24 such records are anticipated to include the parties’ private employment records, private medical records
 25 or records containing trade secret information; and

26 WHEREAS: the parties seek to protect and prevent the improper dissemination of such
 27 confidential and private records and information to third parties, during the course of litigation and after
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1 the litigation has ended;

2 **II. STIPLUATION**

3 THEREFORE: the parties, by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate
4 and request the Court issue an Order (“*Stipulated Protective Order*”), protecting the confidential nature
5 of certain records and information as may be produced during the course of the above-captioned
6 matters, as follows:

7 1. If any person or entity, whether or not a party to the instant action, produces or receives
8 answers to interrogatories, or documents or other things, which the producing or receiving person or
9 entity considers to be “Confidential Information,” as defined in § II(3)(A)(I) *infra*; or

10 2. If there is deposition testimony which any person or entity, whether or not a party to the
11 instant action, believes contains “Confidential Information,” as defined in § II(3)(A)(I) *infra*; or

12 3. Third parties produce information which the third-parties assert is confidential, the
13 following procedure shall govern pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (“Fed. R. Civ. P.”) 26(c)
14 *et. seq.*:

15 A. Any documents (and the contents thereof), things or information falling within
16 the definition of “Confidential Information,” set forth in § II(3)(A)(I) *infra*, that are produced may be
17 designated and marked, in whole or in part, without regard to whether redactions are made,
18 “Confidential” by the party producing the documents or information, at the time the documents are
19 delivered to or made available for inspection by any party;

20 I. “Confidential Information” is defined herein as: (a) employment records
21 of any employees or former employees of any party; (b) confidential notes, memoranda, and statements
22 regarding non-party employees; (c) confidential information concerning the discipline and/or
23 termination of non-party employees and former employees; (d) the production of information or
24 documents proprietary to any party, including by way of example and not limitation, tax records and
25 financial statements; (e) other private information of any party or non-party to the present litigation,
26 including consumer records, *e.g.*, phone bills; (f) financial records and business records of any person
27 or entity, whether a party or non-party to the present litigation; (g) medical records, including medical
28 bills and psychological records, and medical information of any person, whether a party or non-party to

1 the present litigation; and (h) Defendants’ confidential, proprietary, trade secrets or other sensitive or
2 private material, or sensitive personnel or business information pertaining to Defendants’ employees or
3 business operations.

4 B. If a party produces to another party items that contain Confidential Information
5 as defined above, that party may designate one or more documents, or a portion of a document, as
6 “Confidential” before producing that document to the other party. Such designation shall be made by
7 marking, stamping or typing the word “Confidential” on each page of the document at the time it is
8 produced to the receiving party’s counsel;

9 C. Any party may designate deposition testimony as “Confidential” by orally
10 making such a designation on the record either at the commencement of the deposition, at the time the
11 testimony is given, before the end of that day’s questioning, and/or within 30 days after receipt of the
12 deposition transcript. During the 30-day interval, the deposition transcript will be deemed
13 “Confidential.” Following such a designation, the court reporter shall mark “Confidential” on the
14 transcript or the portion thereof containing the “Confidential” testimony;

15 D. In addition, documents or items produced by one party may be designated
16 “Confidential” by the other party, *i.e.*, the receiving party, by:

17 I. marking the document, in whole or in part, “Confidential” in the same
18 manner as stated above; and

19 II. then forwarding a copy of the marked document back to the producing
20 party;

21 E. In this regard, the receiving party seeking the “Confidential” designation may
22 designate, by number, each document it believes should be “Confidential”;

23 F. If the receiving party has no objection to the “Confidential” designation made by
24 the producing party, the receiving party may either expressly notify the producing party or allow the ten
25 calendar-day objection period (set forth below) to lapse. Where there has been no written objection
26 made, once a document or item has been produced and designated as provided herein to the receiving
27 party, the document or item shall be treated as “Confidential,” respectively, pursuant to this *Stipulated*
28 *Protective Order*, until further order of the Court;

1 4. The following protocol shall apply in the event of an objection to a designation of
2 “Confidential”:

3 A. If there is an objection to the “Confidential” designation, the party so objecting
4 must notify the other party in writing of both the objection and the grounds for the objection within ten
5 calendar days from the date the designation was made or the document(s)/item(s) received, whichever
6 is later, and the procedure in § II(4)(B) *infra*, shall apply;

7 B. If the parties do not agree that the documents, information or testimony should
8 be treated as confidential, the parties shall attempt to resolve the issue by meeting and conferring. If a
9 resolution does not occur, either party may file a motion with the Court to resolve the dispute. Such
10 motion must be filed within 30 calendar days of receipt of the written objection to the designation,
11 unless stipulated otherwise by counsel. If an objection has been raised, the documents, testimony
12 and/or information at issue shall be governed by § II (3)(A)-(F), inclusive, of this *Stipulated Protective*
13 *Order*, and treated and regarded as “Confidential” from the date of disclosure and/or production until
14 the dispute is resolved informally by the parties or a final order is issued by the Court resolving the
15 dispute. In the event of such motion, the parties having entered into this *Stipulation* and the existence
16 of the Court's *Order* entered thereon shall not affect the burden of proof on any such motion, nor
17 impose any burdens upon any party that would not exist had this *Stipulated Protective Order* not been
18 entered;

19 5. A document or testimony, or portion, summary, or abstract thereof, that is to be treated
20 “Confidential” pursuant to this *Stipulated Protective Order* shall not be disclosed to any persons other
21 than the parties, counsel of record for the parties, attorneys, legal assistants and clerical personnel
22 employed by them, and other persons to whom disclosure is necessary for the purposes of this
23 litigation. (This allows disclosure to the officers, directors, employees or former employees of the
24 parties, persons requested by counsel for any party to furnish technical or expert service or to give
25 expert testimony with regard to the subject matter of the document(s), item(s) or expert testimony for
26 the trial of this action). However, each such person to whom a party makes such disclosure shall read
27 this *Stipulated Protective Order* and acknowledge in writing that he/she is fully familiar with the terms
28 hereof and agrees to comply with, and be bound by, this *Stipulated Protective Order* until modified by

1 either further order of the Court or agreement of all the affected parties;

2 6. Anyone seeking to file any “Confidential” documents, testimony, or information or any
3 pleadings or memorandum purporting to reproduce or paraphrase all or any portion of such confidential
4 material with this Court must first attempt to make such filings confidentially, by seeking to obtain
5 prior leave of Court for filing the same under seal. Notwithstanding any agreement among the parties,
6 the party seeking to file a paper under seal bears the burden of overcoming the presumption in favor of
7 public access to papers filed in Court. Any motion regarding filing confidential information and
8 motions to seal shall comply with LR IA 10-5 and the requirements of *Kamakana v. City and County of*
9 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006). *See also, Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809
10 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016). NOTE: If the document is filed electronically, the appropriate
11 protocol for that purpose will be utilized;

12 7. If such application for leave of Court to file any document(s) under seal is denied, then
13 the party who sought leave will be relieved, in that instance only, and only as to such documents for
14 which leave of Court was denied, from complying with this stipulation in relation to that filing;

15 8. Any documents, testimony, and/or information that has been rendered “Confidential”
16 under the parties’ *Stipulated Protective Order* is to be used only in the above-captioned action, and may
17 not be used in any other action or for any other purpose unless the party seeking to make such use has
18 acquired the documents, testimony, and/or information from a source independent of the above-
19 captioned action;

20 9. Within 45 calendar days of the entry of the final order concluding this judicial
21 proceeding, all “Confidential” documents or things; any copies, summaries, and abstracts thereof; or
22 notes relating thereto, shall be returned to the producing party or destroyed by the receiving party
23 (including by being shredded), at the option of the receiving party, with proof or attestation of such
24 destruction of records being transmitted by the receiving party, which includes Plaintiff, to the
25 producing party, except as otherwise ordered by the Court or stipulated in writing by the parties.
26 Notwithstanding any other language contained in this *Order*, each party’s counsel shall be allowed to
27 retain for its files a copy of all pleadings, motions, exhibits, or other papers filed and/or lodged with the
28 Court, and of all documents designated by both parties or any non-party as “Confidential” and/or

1 summaries or abstracts thereof (including but not limited to documents of any type prepared by a party
2 and/or counsel that are subject to the attorney-client privilege and/or the attorney work-product
3 doctrine). All such documents and information retained by counsel of record must be maintained in a
4 confidential manner and used only in accordance with this *Order*.

5 10. If at any time prior to the trial of this action a party discovers that it has disclosed
6 attorney-client privileged communications or attorney work product materials, it shall, within fifteen
7 (15) business days of learning that it inadvertently or mistakenly produced such information: (1) notify
8 all parties in writing of the inadvertent disclosure; (2) identify all inadvertently disclosed information;
9 and (3) explain the circumstances surrounding its discovery that it inadvertently produced the
10 information, including the date of such discovery.

11 11. Upon receiving the disclosing party's notice, each receiving party shall within five (5)
12 business days: (1) return, destroy, sequester, or delete all copies of the inadvertently disclosed
13 information; (2) take reasonable steps to retrieve the inadvertently disclosed information if it was
14 disseminated by the receiving party prior to such notification; and (3) provide a certification of counsel
15 that all such information has been returned, destroyed, sequestered, or deleted.

16 12. The parties shall utilize the protocol set forth in § II(4) regarding any objection, meet
17 and confer and court ruling regarding the claim of privilege or protection. Even if the receiving party
18 objects (or intends to object) to the disclosing party's privilege or protection claim, it shall refrain from
19 any further use, disclosure, or dissemination of the inadvertently disclosed information in any way
20 (including, but not limited to, using the information at depositions or trial) until the Court rules on the
21 privileged or protected status of the inadvertently disclosed information.

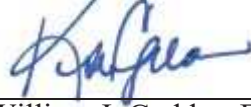
22 13. This *Stipulated Protective Order* may be amended, without prior leave of the Court, by
23 the agreement of counsel for the parties in the form of a stipulation and order that shall be filed in this
24 case. Nothing herein shall be construed so as to prevent any party from seeking relief from this *Order*
25 at any time; and

26 14. The parties reserve their rights to assert the confidentiality of documents and
27 information produced irrespective of their production pursuant to this *Stipulated Protective Order*.
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ORDER

THE COURT, having considered the preceding *Stipulation* and good cause appearing therefor, HEREBY GRANTS the relief and protections requested therein. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preceding *Stipulation* and this *Stipulated Protective Order* shall be and remain in effect, as stipulated therein. The court will not exercise continuing jurisdiction over the subject matter of the stipulation following dismissal of this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 23, 2020

William G. Cobb
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE