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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

CHARLES LINDEN and RONALD  
LANDER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

X2 BIOSYSTEMS, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C17-0966RSM

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO FILE  
UNDER SEAL

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Plaintiffs’ Motion to Seal. Dkt. #91. Plaintiff seeks to file under seal Exhibits D, E, F, G and I to the Declaration of attorney Michelle Safro in Support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to Amend their Complaint. *Id.* These documents were marked “Confidential” by Defendants under the parties’ Protective Order.

“There is a strong presumption of public access to the court’s files.” Local Rule CR 5(g)(2). For nondispositive motions, “this presumption may be overcome by a showing of good cause.” *Id.* Four of the documents – Exhibits D, E, F and G – are employment agreements of non-parties that contain confidential compensation and other benefits not known to the public. The last document – Exhibit I – is a confidential, private stock offering plan, which contains fiscal projections through 2019. Dkt. #95. The Court has reviewed the motion,

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1 along with the remainder of the record, and now finds good cause to GRANT the motion. The  
2 documents contain sensitive employment information for non-parties to this litigation, and  
3 fiscal information that could be harmful if made public. Given the nature of the documents, it  
4 is not feasible to redact them.

5 Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS:

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- 7 1. Plaintiffs' Motion to Seal (Dkt. #91) is GRANTED.
  - 8 2. Exhibits D, E, F, G and I to the Declaration of Michelle Sanfro (Dkt. #95) shall  
9 REMAIN UNDER SEAL.

10 DATED this 26th day of June, 2018.

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15 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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