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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

COLUMBIA RIVERKEEPER

NO. 4:15-cv-05118-LRS

Plaintiff,

STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER
REGARDING
CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION

vs.

SANDVIK SPECIAL METALS,
LLC,

Defendant.

I. STIPULATION

Plaintiff Columbia Riverkeeper and Defendant Sandvik Special Metals, LLC, the parties to this action (collectively, “the parties”), by and through their respective counsel, and pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby stipulate and agree to the entry of the following Protective

1 Order to ensure the confidentiality of proprietary business information, personal
2 information and other information of a sensitive and/or private nature that has
3 been or may be requested in discovery.

4 STIPULATED AND AGREED this 28th day of July, 2016.

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10 **II. ORDER**

11 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

12 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
13 proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be
14 warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to
15 enter the following Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement does
16 not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the
17 protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
18 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the
19 applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file
20 confidential information under seal.
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1 **2. “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL”**

2 “Confidential Material” shall include the following documents and
3 tangible things produced or otherwise exchanged: annual financial statements,
4 including, without limitation, annual reports, profit/loss statements, balance
5 sheets, income statements, statements of cash flow, notes, and letters or other
6 documents from auditors or that otherwise summarize or analyze operating
7 expenses, revenues and/or assets, which contain any sensitive, confidential or
8 proprietary business, financial, corporate, commercial, or trade secret
9 information; information subject to a legally protected right of privacy; and/or
10 information that would reveal confidential research, development, or personal
11 information.
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14 **3. SCOPE**

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16 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only Confidential
17 Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted
18 from Confidential Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations
19 of Confidential Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations
20 by parties or their counsel that might reveal Confidential Material. However,
21 the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in
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1 the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or
2 otherwise.

3 **4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

4 4.1. Basic Principles. A receiving party may use Confidential Material
5 that is disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection
6 with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this
7 litigation. Confidential Material may be disclosed only to the categories of
8 persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential
9 Material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in
10 a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized
11 under this agreement.

12 4.2. Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless
13 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party,
14 a receiving party may disclose any Confidential Material only to:

15 (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as
16 employees of counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the
17 information for this litigation;

18 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house
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1 counsel) of the receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for
2 this litigation, unless the parties agree that a particular document or material
3 produced is for Attorney's Eyes Only and is so designated;

4 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably
5 necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and
6 Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

7 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

8 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the
9 duplication of Confidential Material, provided that counsel for the party
10 retaining the copy or imaging service instructs the service not to disclose any
11 Confidential Material to third parties and to immediately return all originals and
12 copies of any Confidential Material;

13 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom
14 disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment
15 and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the
16 designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition
17 testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Confidential Material must be
18 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone
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1 except as permitted under this agreement;

2 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information
3 or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the
4 information.

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6 4.3. Filing Confidential Material. Before filing Confidential Material or
7 discussing or referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall
8 confer with the designating party to determine whether the designating party
9 will remove the confidential designation, whether the document can be redacted,
10 or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is warranted. If
11 Confidential Material or information derived from Confidential Material are
12 submitted to or otherwise disclosed to the court in connection with discovery
13 motions and proceedings, the same shall be separately filed under seal with the
14 clerk of the court in an envelope marked: “CONFIDENTIAL – FILED UNDER
15 SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER AND WITHOUT ANY
16 FURTHER SEALING ORDER REQUIRED.” Prior to filing any such redacted
17 Confidential Material, the party submitting such Confidential Material to the
18 court, if not the designating party, shall provide the designating party a copy of
19 the redacted version to be filed in order to ensure that all necessary information
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1 has been redacted.

2 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

3 5.1. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for
4 Protection. Each party or non-party that designates information or items for
5 protection under this agreement must take care to limit any such designation to
6 specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The designating
7 party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents,
8 items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of
9 the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not
10 warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.
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13 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.
14 Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for
15 an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or delay the case
16 development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other
17 parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.
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20 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that
21 it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party
22 must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken
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1 designation.

2 5.2. Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided
3 in this agreement (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as
4 otherwise stipulated or ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies
5 for protection under this agreement must be clearly so designated before or
6 when the material is disclosed or produced.
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8 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic
9 documents and deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or
10 other pretrial or trial proceedings), the designating party must affix the word
11 “CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that contains Confidential Material. If only a
12 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the
13 producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by
14 making appropriate markings in the margins).
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17 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial
18 proceedings: the parties must identify on the record, during the deposition,
19 hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their
20 right to so designate other testimony after reviewing the transcript. All
21 depositions, regardless of whether a designation of confidentiality was made on
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1 the record, shall be treated as containing Confidential Material and subject to
2 this Stipulated Protective Order until fifteen (15) days after a transcript of the
3 deposition is received. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen (15) days
4 after receiving a deposition transcript, designate all or portions of the transcript,
5 or exhibits thereto, as confidential.
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7 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a
8 prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the
9 information or item is stored the word "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or
10 portions of the information or item warrant protection, the producing party, to
11 the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).
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13 5.3. Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an
14 inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing
15 alone, waive the designating party's right to secure protection under this
16 agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the
17 receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is
18 treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.
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21 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

22 6.1. Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a
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1 designation of confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a
2 designating party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable,
3 substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant
4 disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to challenge
5 a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after
6 the original designation is disclosed.

8 6.2. Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve
9 any dispute regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any
10 motion regarding confidential designations or for a protective order must
11 include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration or affidavit, that the
12 movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other
13 affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The
14 certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A
15 good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone
16 conference.
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19 6.3. Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge
20 without court intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to
21 retain confidentiality under Local Civil Rule 37.1. The burden of persuasion in
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1 any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and
2 those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary
3 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to
4 sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material in question as
5 confidential until the court rules on the challenge.
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7 **7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**
8 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

9 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other
10 litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this
11 action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party must:

12 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a
13 copy of the subpoena or court order;

14 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or
15 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by
16 the subpoena or order is subject to this agreement. Such notification shall
17 include a copy of this agreement; and
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19 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
20 pursued by the designating party whose Confidential Material may be affected.
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1 **8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

2 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has
3 disclosed Confidential Material to any person or in any circumstance not
4 authorized under this agreement, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify
5 in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best
6 efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material, (c) inform
7 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the
8 terms of this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the
9 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as
10 Exhibit A.
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13 **9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR**
14 **OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL**

15 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain
16 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other
17 protection, the obligations of the receiving parties are those set forth in Federal
18 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
19 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or agreement
20 that provides for production without prior privilege review. Parties shall confer
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1 on an appropriate non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502.

2 **10. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

3 Within sixty (60) days after the termination of this action, including all
4 appeals, each receiving party must return all Confidential Material to the
5 producing party, including all copies, extracts and summaries thereof.
6 Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.
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8 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival
9 copy of all documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing
10 transcripts, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports,
11 attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such
12 materials contain Confidential Material.
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14 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in
15 effect until a designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a Court orders
16 otherwise.
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18 DATED this 3rd day of August, 2016.

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20 *s/Lonny R. Suko*

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22 LONNY R. SUKO
23 SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE