

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

VIRNETX INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

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**Civil Action Nos. 6:11-cv-563
6:12-cv-855**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER
REGARDING THE DISCLOSURE AND USE OF DISCOVERY MATERIALS**

Plaintiff VirnetX Inc. (“VirnetX”), Plaintiff Science Applications International Corporation (“SAIC”) (VirnetX and SAIC collectively, “Plaintiffs”), and Defendant Apple Inc. (“Apple”) anticipate that documents, testimony, or information containing or reflecting confidential, proprietary, trade secret, and/or commercially sensitive information are likely to be disclosed or produced during the course of discovery, initial disclosures, and supplemental disclosures in this case and request that the Court enter this Order setting forth the conditions for treating, obtaining, and using such information.

Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finds good cause for the following Agreed Protective Order Regarding the Disclosure and Use of Discovery Materials (“Order” or “Protective Order”).

1. **DEFINITIONS**

(a) “Discovery Material” means all items or information, including from any non-party, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony adduced at deposition upon oral examination or upon written questions,

answers to interrogatories, documents and things produced, information obtained from inspection of premises or things, and answers to requests for admission, or information disclosed pursuant to subpoena under Fed. R. Civ. P. 45) that are produced, disclosed, or generated in connection with discovery or Rule 26(a) disclosures in this case.

(b) “Outside Counsel” means (i) outside counsel who appear on the pleadings as counsel for a Party, (ii) partners and associates of such counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation, and (iii) outside, independent attorneys contracted to provide legal advice to a Party in connection with this action.

(c) “Patents-in-suit” means U.S. Patent Nos. 6,502,135, 7,418,504, 7,490,151, 7,921,211, and 8,051,181 and any other patent asserted in this action, as well as any related patents, patent applications, provisional patent applications, continuations, and/or divisionals.

(d) “Party” means any party to this case, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel and their support staffs.

(e) “Producing Party” means any Party or non-party entity that discloses or produces any Discovery Material in this case.

(f) “Protected Material” means any Discovery Material that is designated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” “CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” or “CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY - SOURCE CODE,” as provided for in this Order. Protected Material shall not include: (i) advertising materials that have been actually published or publicly disseminated; (ii) materials that show on their face they have been disseminated to the public; (iii) information that the Receiving Party can show was lawfully in the Receiving Party’s possession prior to being designated as Protected Material in this litigation and that the Receiving Party is not otherwise obligated to treat as confidential; (iv) information that the Receiving Party

can show was obtained (without any benefit or use of Protected Material) from a third party having the right to disclose such information to the Receiving Party without restriction or obligation of confidentiality; (v) information that was submitted to a governmental entity without request for confidential treatment.

(g) “Receiving Party” means any Party who receives Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

(h) “Source Code” means computer code, scripts, assembly, object code, source code listings, comments for source code, source code revision histories, and descriptions of source code, object code listings, comments for object code, object code revision histories, and descriptions of object code, Hardware Description Language (HDL) or Register Transfer Level (RTL) files that describe the hardware design of any ASIC or other chip, and other electronic files used in network operations, comments for network operation files, and network operation revision histories.

(i) “Competitive decision-making” means that a person’s activities, association, or relationship with any of its clients involve advice about or participation in the relevant business decisions or the analysis underlying the relevant business decisions of the client in competition with or a business relationship with the Producing Party.

2. COMPUTATION OF TIME

The computation of any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Order shall be governed by the provisions for computing time set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 6 and the Eastern District of Texas Local Rule CV-6.

3. **SCOPE**

(a) The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Discovery Material governed by this Order as addressed herein, but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their counsel in court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

(b) Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent or restrict a Producing Party's own disclosure or use of its own Discovery Material for any purpose.

(c) This Order is without prejudice to the right of any Party to seek further or additional protection of any Discovery Material or to modify this Order in any way, including, without limitation, an order that certain matter not be produced at all.

4. **DURATION**

Unless modified, superseded or terminated pursuant to the terms contained in this Order, this Protective Order shall remain in effect through the conclusion of this litigation. Even after the termination of this case, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Producing Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

5. **ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

(a) **Basic Principles.** All Protected Material shall be used solely for this case or any related appellate proceeding, and not for any other purpose whatsoever, including without limitation any other litigation, patent prosecution or acquisition, patent reexamination or reissue proceedings, or any business or competitive purpose or function. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Protected Material from this action may be used in *VirnetX, Inc. v. Apple Inc.*, United States

District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Case No. 6:13-cv-211. Protected Material shall not be distributed, disclosed or made available to anyone except as expressly provided in this Order.

(b) Patent Prosecution Bar. Absent the written consent of the Producing Party, anyone who receives, obtains, has access to, or otherwise learns, in whole or in part, technical information designated “CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY – SOURCE CODE” shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities: advising on, consulting on, preparing, prosecuting, drafting, editing, and/or amending of patent applications, specifications, claims, and/or responses to office actions, or otherwise affecting the disclosure in patent applications or specifications or the scope of claims in patents or patent applications relating to the subject matter of the Patents-in-suit, including, but not limited to, the functionality, operation, and design of encrypted channels, including Virtual Private Networks (“VPN”) (generally or as described in any patent in suit) or DNS services, before any foreign or domestic agency, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Notwithstanding the forgoing, these prohibitions are not intended to and shall not preclude counsel from participating in any reexamination or interpartes review proceedings involving the Patents-in-suit except that Plaintiffs’ counsel shall not draft or assist in the drafting of any claim or amendment to any claim of the Patents-in-suit for a period ending one year after the resolution of this litigation (including any appeals). These prohibitions shall begin when access to “CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or “CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY – SOURCE CODE” materials are first received by the affected individual, and shall end one (1) year after the final resolution of this action, including all appeals.

(c) Secure Storage. Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized

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