

EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

AIRE TECHNOLOGY LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD. and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 6:21-cv-955-ADA

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

AIRE TECHNOLOGY LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.

Defendant.

Case No. 6:21-cv-1101-ADA

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

AIRE TECHNOLOGY LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:21-cv-1104-ADA

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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

Plaintiff Aire Technology Limited (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“Samsung”), Apple Inc. (“Apple”), and Google LLC (“Google”) (collectively, “Defendants”) 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. **PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

(a) Protected Material designated under the terms of this Protective Order shall be used by a Receiving Party solely for this case, and shall not be used directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatsoever.

(b) To the extent that any one of Defendants in this litigation provides Protected Material under the terms of this Protective Order to Plaintiff, Plaintiff shall not share that material with the other Defendants in this litigation, absent express written permission from the producing Defendant. This Order does not confer any right to any one Defendant to access the Protected Material of any other Defendant.

(c) The Parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures during discovery, or in the course of making initial or supplemental disclosures under Rule 26(a). Designations under this Order shall be made with care and shall not be made absent a good faith belief that the designated material satisfies the criteria set forth below. If it comes to a Producing Party’s attention that designated material does not qualify for protection at

all, or does not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted, the Producing Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing or changing the designation.

2. **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, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced, disclosed, or generated in connection with discovery or Rule 26(a) disclosures in this case.

(b) “Outside Expert” or “Consultant” means (i) an outside expert or consultant retained to assist Outside Counsel in this action and (ii) the outside expert’s or consultant’s direct reports and other support personnel, such that the disclosure to an expert or consultant who employs others within his or her firm to help in his or her analysis shall count as a disclosure to a single consultant or expert. Such direct reports and other support personnel also must separately meet the criteria set forth in Section 8(b)(iii) and separately agree to be bound by the provisions of the Protective Order by signing a copy of Exhibit A.

(c) “Outside Counsel” means (i) outside counsel who appear on the pleadings as counsel for a Party and (ii) partners, associates, and staff of such counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation.

(d) “Patents-in-suit” means U.S. Patent Nos. 8,581,706; 8,205,249; 8,174,360; and—for Google and Samsung—8,816,827, as well as any other patent asserted in this action, as well as any related patents, patent applications, provisional patent applications, continuations, and/or divisionals.

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

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

(g) “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; and (ii) materials that show on their face they have been disseminated to the public.

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

(i) “Source Code” means computer code, scripts, assembly, binaries, object code, source code listings (e.g., file names and path structure), descriptions of source code (e.g., descriptions of declarations, functions, and parameters), object code listings 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 Computer Aided Design (CAD) files that describe the hardware design of any component.

3. **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.

4. **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,

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