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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

In the Matter of)
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Polypore International, Inc.)
a corporation.)
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Docket No. 9327

PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY MATERIAL

For the purpose of protecting the interests of the Parties and Third Parties in the above-captioned matter against improper use and disclosure of confidential information submitted or produced in connection with this Matter:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT this Protective Order Governing Confidential Material (“Protective Order”) shall govern the handling of all Discovery Material, as hereafter defined.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Protective Order, the following definitions apply:

1. “Confidential Material” shall mean all Discovery Material that is confidential or proprietary information produced in discovery. Such material is referred to in, and protected by, section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 46(f); section 21 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 57b-2, the FTC Rules of Practice, Sections 4.9, 4.10, 16 C.F.R. §§ 4.9, 4.10; and precedents thereunder. Confidential Material shall include non-public trade secret or other research, development, commercial or financial information, the disclosure of which would likely cause commercial harm to the Producing Party or to Respondent. The

following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of information that likely will qualify for treatment as Confidential Material: strategic plans (involving pricing, marketing, research and development, product road maps, corporate alliances, or mergers and acquisitions) that have not been fully implemented or revealed to the public; trade secrets; customer-specific evaluations or data (e.g., prices, volumes, or revenues); sales contracts; system maps; personnel files and evaluations; information subject to confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements; proprietary technical or engineering information; proprietary financial data or projections; and proprietary consumer, customer, or market research or analyses applicable to current or future market conditions, the disclosure of which could reveal Confidential Material. Discovery Material will not be considered confidential if it is in the public domain.

2. “Document” means the complete original or a true, correct, and complete copy and any non-identical copies of any written or graphic matter, no matter how produced, recorded, stored, or reproduced. “Document” includes, but is not limited to, any writing, letter, envelope, telegraph, e-mail, meeting minute, memorandum, statement, affidavit, declaration, transcript of oral testimony, book, record, survey, map, study, handwritten note, working paper, chart, index, tabulation, graph, drawing, chart, printout, microfilm index, computer readable media or other electronically stored data, appointment book, diary, diary entry, calendar, organizer, desk pad, telephone message slip, note of interview or communication, and any other data compilation from which information can be obtained, and includes all drafts and all copies of such Documents and every writing or record that contains any commentary, notes, or marking whatsoever not appearing on the original.

3. “Discovery Material” includes without limitation deposition testimony, exhibits, interrogatory responses, admissions, affidavits, declarations, Documents, tangible thing or

answers to questions produced pursuant to compulsory process or voluntarily in lieu thereof, and any other Documents or information produced or given to one Party by another Party or by a Third Party in connection with discovery in this Matter. Information taken from Discovery Material that reveals its substance shall also be considered Discovery Material.

4. "Commission" shall refer to the Federal Trade Commission, or any of its employees, agents, attorneys, and all other persons acting on its behalf, excluding persons retained as consultants or experts for purposes of this proceeding.

5. "Polypore" means Polypore International, Inc., and its predecessors, divisions, and subsidiaries, and all persons acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

6. "Respondent" means Polypore.

7. "Party" means the Commission or Polypore.

8. "Third Party" means any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this Matter and its employees, directors, officers, attorneys and agents.

9. "Producing Party" means a Party or Third Party that produced or intends to produce Confidential Material to any of the Parties. With respect to Confidential Material of a Third Party that is in the possession, custody or control of the FTC, or has been produced by the FTC in this matter, the Producing Party shall mean the Third Party that originally provided such material to the FTC. The Producing Party shall mean the FTC for purposes of any Document or Discovery Material prepared by, or on behalf of, the FTC.

10. "Matter" means the above captioned matter pending before the Federal Trade Commission, and all subsequent administrative, appellate or other review proceedings related thereto.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. Any Document or portion thereof submitted by Respondent or a Third Party during the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) investigation preceding this Matter or during the course of proceedings in this Matter that is entitled to confidentiality under the Federal Trade Commission Act, or any regulation, interpretation, or precedent concerning documents in the possession of the Commission, as well as any information taken from any portion of such document, shall be treated as Confidential Material for purposes of this Protective Order. For purposes of this Protective Order, the identity of a Third Party submitting such Confidential Material shall also be treated as Confidential Material where the submitter has requested in writing such confidential treatment.

2. The Parties and any Third Parties, in complying with informal discovery requests, disclosure requirements, discovery demands or formal process in this Matter may designate any responsive document or portion thereof Confidential Material, including documents obtained by them from Third Parties pursuant to discovery or as otherwise obtained.

3. The Parties, in conducting discovery from Third Parties, shall provide to each Third Party a copy of this Protective Order so as to inform each such Third Party of his, her or its rights herein.

4. A designation of confidentiality shall constitute a representation in good faith and after careful determination that the material is not reasonably believed to be already in the public domain and that counsel believes the material so designated constitutes Confidential Material as defined in Paragraph 1 of the Definitions of this Protective Order. All deposition transcripts

shall be treated as Confidential Material.

5. If any Party seeks to challenge the Producing Party's designation of material as Confidential Material, the challenging Party shall notify the Producing Party and all other Parties of the challenge. Such notice shall identify with specificity (*i.e.*, by document control numbers, deposition transcript page and line reference, or other means sufficient to locate easily such materials) the designation being challenged. The Producing Party may preserve its designation by providing the challenging Party and all other Parties a written statement of the reasons for the designation within five (5) business days of receiving notice of the confidentiality challenge. If the Producing Party timely preserves its rights, the Parties shall continue to treat the challenged material as Confidential Materials, absent a written agreement with the Producing Party or order of the Commission providing otherwise.

6. If any conflict regarding a confidentiality designation arises and the Parties and Producing Party involved have failed to resolve the conflict via good-faith negotiations, a Party seeking to disclose Confidential Material or challenging a confidentiality designation may make written application to the hearing officer for relief. The application shall be served on the Producing Party and the other Parties to this Matter, and shall be accompanied by a certification that good-faith negotiations have failed to resolve the outstanding issues. The Producing Party and any other Party shall have five (5) business days after receiving a copy of the motion to respond to the application. While an application is pending, the Parties shall maintain the pre-application status of the Confidential Material. Nothing in this Protective Order shall create a presumption or alter the burden of persuading the hearing officer of the propriety of a requested disclosure or change in designation.

7. The Parties shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of any designation or treatment of information as Confidential Material and the failure to do so promptly shall not preclude any subsequent objection to such designation or treatment, or any motion seeking permission to disclose such material to Persons not otherwise entitled to access under the terms of this Protective Order. If Confidential Material is produced without the designation attached, the material shall be treated as Confidential from the time the Producing Party advises Complaint Counsel and Respondent's Counsel in writing that such material should be so designated and provides all the Parties with an appropriately labeled replacement. The Parties shall return promptly or destroy the unmarked materials.

8. Material produced in this Matter may be designated as confidential by placing on or affixing to the document containing such material (in such manner as will not interfere with the legibility thereof), or if an entire folder or box of documents is confidential by placing or affixing to that folder or box, the designation "CONFIDENTIAL-FTC Docket No. 9327" or any other appropriate notice that considered to be confidential material. Confidential information contained in electronic documents may also be designated as confidential by placing the designation "CONFIDENTIAL-FTC Docket No. 9327" or any other appropriate notice that identifies this proceeding, on the face of the CD or DVD or other medium on which the document is produced. The foregoing designation of "CONFIDENTIAL-FTC Docket No. 9327" shall not be required for confidentiality to apply to documents and information previously produced voluntarily or pursuant to a Civil Investigative Demand or subpoena during the investigational phase preceding this Matter for which confidential treatment was requested. Masked or otherwise redacted copies of documents may be produced where the portions deleted

contain privileged matter, provided that the copy produced shall indicate at the appropriate point that portions have been deleted and the reasons therefor.

9. Confidential Material shall be disclosed only to: (a) the Administrative Law Judge presiding over this proceeding, personnel assisting the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission and its employees, and personnel retained by the commission as experts or consultants for this proceeding, (b) judges and other court personnel of any court having jurisdiction over any appellate proceedings involving this matter, (c) court reporters in this matter, (d) outside counsel of record for Respondent, its associated attorneys and other employees of its law firm(s), provided they are not employees of Respondent, (e) Michael Shor, Polypore Special Counsel, (f) anyone retained to assist outside counsel in the preparation of hearing of this proceeding including consultants, provided they are not affiliated in any way with Respondent and have signed Exhibit A hereto, (g) any witness or deponent who may have authored or received the information in question; (h) any individual who was in the direct chain of supervision of the author at the time the Discovery Material was created or received, except that this provision does not permit disclosure of Industrial Growth partner or Warburg Pincus International documents to Polypore or former Microporous personnel who would not otherwise have had access to the Discovery Material; (i) any employee or agent of the entity that created or received the Discovery Material; (j) anyone representing the author or recipient of the Discovery Material in this Matter; and (k) any other Person(s) authorized in writing by the Producing Party.

10. Disclosure of confidential material to any person described in Paragraph 9 of this Protective Order shall be only for the purposes of the preparation and hearing of this Matter, or any appeal therefrom, and for no other purpose whatsoever; provided, however, that the

Commission may, subject to taking appropriate steps to preserve the confidentiality of such material, use or disclose confidential materials as provided by its Rules of Practice; Sections 6(f) and 21 of the Federal Trade Commission Act; or any other legal obligation imposed upon the Commission.

11. In the event that any Confidential Material is contained in any pleading, motion exhibit or other paper filed or to be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, the Secretary shall be so informed by the Party filing such papers, and such papers shall be filed under seal. To the extent that such material was originally submitted by a Third Party, the Party including the Materials in its papers shall immediately notify the submitter of such inclusion. Confidential Material contained in the papers shall remain under seal until further order of the Administrative Law Judge; provided, however, that such papers may be furnished to persons or entities who may receive Confidential Material pursuant to Paragraphs 9 or 10. Upon or after filing any paper containing Confidential Material, the filing party shall file on the public record a duplicate copy of the paper that does not reveal confidential material. Further, if the protection of any such material expires, a Party may file on the public record a duplicate copy which also contains the formerly protected material.

12. If counsel plans to introduce into evidence at the hearing any document or transcript containing Confidential Material produced by another Party or by a Third Party, they shall provide ten (10) days advance notice to the other Party or Third Party for purposes of allowing that Party or Third Party to seek an order that the document or transcript be granted in camera treatment. If that Party or Third Party wishes in camera treatment for the document or transcript, the Party or Third Party shall file an appropriate motion with the Administrative Law

Judge. Where in camera treatment is granted, a duplicate copy of such document or transcript with the Confidential Material deleted therefrom may be placed on the public record.

13. If any Party receives a discovery request in another proceeding that may require the disclosure of Confidential Material submitted by another Party or Third Party, the recipient of the discovery request shall promptly notify the submitter of receipt of such request. Unless a shorter time is mandated by an order of a court, such notification shall be in writing and be received by the submitter at least 10 business days before production, and shall include a copy of this Protective Order and a cover letter that will apprise the submitter of its rights hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the recipient of the discovery request or anyone else covered by this Order to challenge or appeal any order requiring production of Confidential Material, to subject itself to any penalties for non-compliance with any such order, or to seek any relief from the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. The recipient shall not oppose the submitter's efforts to challenge the disclosure of confidential material. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the applicability of Rule 4.11(e) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. §4.11(e), to discovery requests in another proceeding that are directed to the Commission.

14. At the time that any consultant or other person retained to assist counsel in the preparation of this action concludes participation in the action, such person shall return to counsel all copies of documents or portions thereof designated confidential that are in the possession of such person, together with all notes, memoranda or other papers containing judicial review, the parties shall return documents obtained in this action to their submitters, provided, however, that the Commission's obligation to return documents shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 4.12 of the Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. §4.12.

15. The inadvertent production or disclosure of any Discovery Material, which a Producing Party claims should not have been produced or disclosed because of a privilege, will not be deemed to be a waiver of any privilege to which the Producing Party would have been entitled had the privileged Discovery Material not inadvertently been produced or disclosed. The inadvertent production of a privileged document shall not in itself be deemed a waiver of any privileged applicable to any other documents relating to the subject matter.

16. This Protective Order shall not apply to the disclosure by a Producing Party or its counsel of its own Confidential Material.

17. The provisions of this Protective Order, insofar as they restrict the communication and use of confidential discovery material, shall, without written permission of the submitter or further order of the Commission, continue to be binding after the conclusion of this proceeding.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Administrative Law Judge

Date: October 23, 2008

EXHIBIT A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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DECLARATION CONCERNING PROTECTIVE ORDER
GOVERNING DISCOVERY MATERIAL

I, _____, hereby declare and certify the following to be true:

1. [Statement of employment]

2. I have read the "Protective Order" governing Discovery Material ("Protective Order") issued by the Commission on October 23, 2008, in connection with the above-captioned Matter. I understand the restrictions on my access to and use of any Confidential Material (as that term is used in the Protective Order) in this Matter, and I agree to abide by the Protective Order.

3. I understand that the restrictions on my use of such Confidentiality Material include:

- a. that I will use such Confidential Material only for the purpose of preparing for this proceeding, and hearing(s) and any appeal of this proceeding and for no other purpose;
- b. that I will not disclose such Confidential Material to anyone, except as permitted by the Protective Order;
- c. that I will use, store and maintain the Confidential Material in such a way as to ensure its continued protected status; and
- d. that, upon the termination of my participation in this proceeding, I will promptly return all Confidential Materials and all notes, memoranda, or other papers containing Confidential Material, to Complaint Counsel or Respondent's Outside Counsel as appropriate.

4. I understand that if I am receiving Confidential Material as an Expert/Consultant, as that term is defined in this Protective Order, the restrictions on my use of Confidential

Material also include the duty and obligation to:

- a. maintain such Confidential Material in separate locked room(s) or locked cabinet(s) when such Confidential Material is not being reviewed;
- b. return such Confidential Material to Complaint Counsel or Respondent's Outside Counsel, as appropriate, upon the conclusion of my assignment or retention, or upon conclusion of this Matter; and
- c. use such Confidential Material and the information contained therein solely for the purpose of rendering consulting services to a Party to this Matter, including providing testimony in judicial or administrative proceedings arising out of this Matter.

5. I am fully aware that, pursuant to Section 3.42(h) of the FTC Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. § 3.42(h), my failure to comply with the terms of the Protective Order may constitute contempt of the Commission and may subject me to sanctions.

Date: _____

Full Name [Typed or Printed]

Signature