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## ALABAMA CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

**THIS CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") dated this 25th day of August,**

**2016****BETWEEN:**

\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(the "Employer")

OF THE FIRST PART

**- AND -**

\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(the "Employee")

OF THE SECOND PART

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The Employee is currently or may be employed as an employee with the Employer for the position of: \_\_\_\_\_. In addition to this responsibility or position (the "Employment"), this Agreement also covers any position or responsibility now or later held with the Employer.
- B. The Employee will receive from the Employer, or develop on the behalf of the Employer, Confidential Information as a result of the Employment (the 'Permitted Purpose').

**IN CONSIDERATION OF** and as a condition of the Employer employing the Employee and the Employer providing the Confidential Information to the Employee in addition to other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which consideration is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

**Confidential Information**

1. All written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided by the Employer to the Employee under this Agreement is Confidential Information regardless of whether it was provided before or after the date of this Agreement or how it was provided to the Employee.
2. The Employee acknowledges that in any position the Employee may hold, in and as a result of the Employee's employment by the Employer, the Employee will, or may, be making use of, acquiring or adding to information about certain matters and things which are confidential to the Employer and which information is the exclusive property of the Employer.
3. 'Confidential Information' means all data and information relating to the business and management of the Employer, including but not limited to, the following:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_

and ;

- b. Confidential Information will also include any information that has been disclosed by a third party to the Employer and is protected by a non-disclosure agreement entered into between the third party and the Employer.

4. Confidential Information will not include the following information:

- a. Information that is generally known in the industry of the Employer;
- b. Information that is now or subsequently becomes generally available to the public through no wrongful act of the Employee;
- c. Information that the Employee rightfully had in its possession prior to receiving the Confidential Information from the Employer;
- d. Information that is independently created by the Employee without direct or indirect use of the Confidential Information; or
- e. Information that the Employee rightfully obtains from a third party who has the right to transfer or disclose it.

### **Confidential Obligations**

5. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Employee must keep the Confidential Information confidential.
6. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Confidential Information will remain the exclusive property of the Employer and will only be used by the Employee for the Permitted Purpose. The Employee will not use the Confidential Information for any purpose that might be directly or indirectly detrimental to the Employer or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.
7. The obligations to ensure and protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Information imposed on the Employee in this Agreement and any obligations to provide notice under this Agreement will survive the expiration or termination, as the case may be, of this Agreement and those obligations will last indefinitely.
8. The Employee may disclose any of the Confidential Information:
  - a. to such of its employees, agents, representatives and advisors that have a need to know for the Permitted Purpose provided that:

- i. the Employee has informed such personnel of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information;
  - ii. such personnel agree to be legally bound to the same burdens of confidentiality and non-use as the Employee;
  - iii. the Employee agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure that the terms of this Agreement are not violated by such personnel; and
  - iv. the Employee agrees to be responsible for and indemnify the Employer for any breach of this Agreement by its personnel.
- b. to a third party where the Employer has consented in writing to such disclosure; and
  - c. to the extent required by law or by the request or requirement of any judicial, legislative, administrative or other governmental body.

### **Avoiding Conflict of Opportunities**

9. It is understood and agreed that any business opportunity relating to or similar to the Employer's current or anticipated business opportunities coming to the attention of the Employee during the Employee's employment is an opportunity belonging to the Employer. Accordingly, the Employee will advise the Employer of the opportunity and cannot pursue the opportunity, directly or indirectly, without the written consent of the Employer.
10. Without the written consent of the Employer, the Employee further agrees not to directly or indirectly, engage or participate in any other business activities which the Employer, in its reasonable discretion, determines to be in conflict with the best interests of the Employer.

### **Ownership and Title**

11. The Employee acknowledges and agrees that all rights, title and interest in any Confidential Information will remain the exclusive property of the Employer. Accordingly, the Employee specifically agrees and acknowledges that the Employee will have no interest in the Confidential Information, including, without limitation, no interest in know-how, copyright, trademarks or trade names, notwithstanding the fact that the Employee may have created or contributed to the creation of that Confidential Information.
12. The Employee does hereby waive any moral rights that the Employee may have with respect to the Confidential Information.
13. The Confidential Information will not include anything developed or produced by the Employee

during the term of this Agreement, including but not limited to intellectual property, process, design, development, creation, research, invention, know-how, trade name, trademarks or copyright that:

- a. was developed without the use of any equipment, supplies, facility or Confidential Information of the Employer;
- b. was developed entirely on the Employee's own time;
- c. does not relate to the actual business or reasonably anticipated business of the Employer;
- d. does not relate to the actual or demonstrably anticipated processes, research or development of the Employer; and
- e. does not result from any work performed by the Employee for the Employer.

14. The Employee agrees to immediately disclose to the Employer all Confidential Information developed in whole or in part by the Employee during the term of the Employment and to assign to the Employer any right, title or interest the Employee may have in the Confidential Information. The Employee agrees to execute any instruments and to do all other things reasonably requested by the Employer (both during and after the term of the Employment) in order to vest more fully in the Employer all ownership rights in those items transferred by the Employee to the Employer.

### **Remedies**

15. The Employee agrees and acknowledges that the Confidential Information is of a proprietary and confidential nature and that any failure to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information in breach of this Agreement cannot be reasonably or adequately compensated for in money damages and would cause irreparable injury to the Employer. Accordingly, the Employee agrees that the Employer is entitled to, in addition to all other rights and remedies available to it at law or in equity, an injunction restraining the Employee, any of its personnel, and any agents of the Employee, from directly or indirectly committing or engaging in any act restricted by this Agreement in relation to the Confidential Information.

### **Return of Confidential Information**

16. The Employee agrees that, upon request of the Employer, or in the event that the Employee ceases to require use of the Confidential Information, or upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, or the expiration or termination of the Employment, the Employee will turn over to the Employer all documents, disks or other computer media, or other material in the possession or control of the Employee that:

- a. may contain or be derived from ideas, concepts, creations, or trade secrets and other

proprietary and Confidential Information as defined in this Agreement; or

b. is connected with or derived from the Employee's services to the Employer.

### **Notices**

17. In the event that the Employee is required in a civil, criminal or regulatory proceeding to disclose any part of the Confidential Information, the Employee will give to the Employer prompt written notice of such request so the Employer may seek an appropriate remedy or alternatively to waive the Employee's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement in regards to the request.
18. If the Employee loses or fails to maintain the confidentiality of any of the Confidential Information in breach of this Agreement, the Employee will immediately notify the Employer and take all reasonable steps necessary to retrieve the lost or improperly disclosed Confidential Information.
19. Any notices or delivery required in this Agreement will be deemed completed when hand-delivered, delivered by agent, or seven (7) days after being placed in the post, postage prepaid, to the parties at the addresses contained in this Agreement or as the parties may later designate in writing.
20. The address for any notice to be delivered to any of the parties to this Agreement is as follows:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_:

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_:

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### **Representations**

21. In providing the Confidential Information, the Employer makes no representations, either expressly or impliedly as to its adequacy, sufficiency, completeness, correctness or its lack of defect of any kind, including any patent or trademark infringement that may result from the use of such information.

## **Termination**

22. This Agreement will automatically terminate on the date that the Employee's Employment with the Employer terminates or expires, as the case may be. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all rights and obligations under this Agreement will terminate at that time.

## **Assignment**

23. Except where a party has changed its corporate name or merged with another corporation, this Agreement may not be assigned or otherwise transferred by either party in whole or part without the prior written consent of the other party to this Agreement.

## **Amendments**

24. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a written instrument executed by both the Employer and the Employee.

## **Governing Law**

25. This Agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

## **General Provisions**

26. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

27. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

28. Headings are inserted for the convenience of the parties only and are not to be considered when interpreting this Agreement. Words in the singular mean and include the plural and vice versa. Words in the masculine mean and include the feminine and vice versa.

29. The clauses, paragraphs, and subparagraphs contained in this Agreement are intended to be read and construed independently of each other. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid, this invalidity will not affect the operation of any other part of this Agreement.

30. The Employee is liable for all costs, expenses and expenditures including, and without limitation, the complete legal costs incurred by the Employer in enforcing this Agreement as a result of any default of this Agreement by the Employee.

31. The Employer and the Employee acknowledge that this Agreement is reasonable, valid and enforceable. However, if a court of competent jurisdiction finds any of the provisions of this Agreement to be too broad to be enforceable, it is the intention of the Employer and the Employee that such provision be reduced in scope by the court only to the extent deemed necessary by that court to render the provision reasonable and enforceable, bearing in mind that

it is the intention of the Employee to give the Employer the broadest possible protection to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

32. No failure or delay by the Employer in exercising any power, right or privilege provided in this Agreement will operate as a waiver, nor will any single or partial exercise of such rights, powers or privileges preclude any further exercise of them or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege provided in this Agreement.
33. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, as the case may be, of the Employer and the Employee.
34. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and there are no further items or provisions, either oral or otherwise.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have duly affixed their signatures under hand and seal on this 25th day of August, 2016.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (Employer)

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (Employee)

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