UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NVIDIA CORPORATION,
Petitioners,

v.

NEURAL AI, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2025-00608
U.S. Patent No. RE49,461

[PROPOSED] STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

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Protective Order

This protective order governs the treatment and filing of confidential information, including documents and testimony.

1. Each Party may designate as confidential for protection under this Order, in whole or in part, any document, information, or material that constitutes or includes, in whole or in part, confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets of the Party or a Third Party to whom the Party reasonably believes it owes an obligation of confidentiality with respect to such document, information, or material ("Protected Material"). Protected Material shall be clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL - PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL."
2. Access to Protected Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL is limited to the following individuals who have executed the acknowledgment appended to this order:
    A. Parties. Persons who are owners of a patent involved in the proceeding and other persons who are named parties to the proceeding.
    B. Outside Counsel of Record. Outside counsel of record for a party in the proceeding, or in related proceedings or litigation.

C. Experts. Retained experts of a party in the proceeding who further certify in the Acknowledgement that they are not a competitor to any party, or a consultant for, or employed by, such a competitor with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding.

D. In-house counsel. In-house counsel of a party.

E. Support Personnel. Administrative assistants, clerical staff, court reporters and other support personnel of the foregoing persons who are reasonably necessary to assist those persons in the proceeding shall not be required to sign an Acknowledgement, but shall be informed of the terms and requirements of the Protective Order by the person they are supporting who receives confidential information.

F. The Office. Employees and representatives of the United States Patent and Trademark Office who have a need for access to the confidential information shall have such access without the requirement to sign an Acknowledgement. Such employees and representatives shall include the Director, members of the Board and their clerical staff, other support personnel, court reporters, and other persons acting on behalf of the Office.

3. To the extent a producing Party believes that certain Protected Material qualifying to be designated CONFIDENTIAL is so sensitive that its dissemination deserves even further limitation, the producing Party may designate such Protected Material "CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY - PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY - PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL."
4. For Protected Material designated CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, access to, and disclosure of, such Protected Material shall be limited to individuals listed in paragraphs 2(B–F); provided, however, that access by in-house counsel pursuant to paragraph 2(D) be limited to in-house counsel who exercise no competitive decision-making authority on behalf of the client.
5. For Protected Material designated HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, access to, and disclosure of, such Protected Material shall be limited to individuals listed in paragraphs 2(B–C) and (E–F); provided, however, that the designating party shall accommodate reasonable requests to provide summary information to in-house counsel designated pursuant to paragraph 2(D) who exercise no competitive decision-making authority on behalf of the

client and reasonably require access to such information.

6. Employees (e.g., corporate officers), consultants, or other persons performing work for a party, other than those persons identified above in (2)(A)–(E), shall be extended access to Protected Material only upon agreement of the parties or by order of the Board upon a motion brought by the party seeking to disclose confidential information to that person and after signing the Acknowledgment. The party requesting disclosure to that person shall have the burden of proving that such person should be provided access to Protected Material.
7. Persons receiving Protected Material shall use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information, including:
    A. Maintaining such information in a secure location to which persons not authorized to receive the information shall not have access;
    B. Otherwise using reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information, which efforts shall be no less rigorous than those the recipient uses to maintain the confidentiality of information not received from the disclosing party;
    C. Ensuring that support personnel of the recipient who have access to the Protected Material understand and abide by the obligation to maintain the confidentiality of information received that is

designated as confidential; and

D. Limiting the copying of Protected Material to a reasonable number of copies needed for conduct of the proceeding and maintaining a record of the locations of such copies.

8. Persons receiving Protected Material shall use the following procedures to maintain the confidentiality of the information:

A. Documents and Information Filed With the Board.

i. A party may file documents or information with the Board along with a Motion to Seal. The Motion to Seal should provide a non-confidential description of the nature of the Protected Material that is under seal, and set forth the reasons why the information is confidential and should not be made available to the public. A party may challenge the confidentiality of the information by opposing the Motion to Seal. The documents or information shall remain under seal unless the Board determines that some or all of it does not qualify for confidential treatment.

ii. Where confidentiality is alleged as to some but not all of the information submitted to the Board, the submitting party shall file confidential and non-confidential versions of its

submission, together with a Motion to Seal the confidential version setting forth the reasons why the information redacted from the non-confidential version is confidential and should not be made available to the public. A party may challenge the confidentiality of the information by opposing the Motion to Seal. The non-confidential version of the submission shall clearly indicate the locations of information that has been redacted. The confidential version of the submission shall be filed under seal. The redacted information shall remain under seal unless the Board determines that some or all of the redacted information does not qualify for confidential treatment.

B. Documents and Information Exchanged Among the Parties.

i. Documents (including deposition transcripts) and other information designated as confidential that are disclosed to another party during discovery or other proceedings before the Board shall be clearly marked as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL" and shall be produced in a manner that maintains its confidentiality.

9. Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, including the exhaustion of all appeals and motions, each party receiving Protected Material must return, or certify the destruction of, all copies of the Protected Material to the producing party.

10. Nothing herein affects the parties' obligations under the protective order that has or will be entered in *Neural AI, LLC v. NVIDIA Corp.*, 7-24-cv-00221 (W.D. Tex.).

11. Standard Acknowledgement of Protective Order. The following form may be used to acknowledge a protective order and gain access to information covered by the protective order:

[CAPTION]

Standard Acknowledgment for Access to Protective Order Material

I _____, affirm that I have read the Protective Order; that I will abide by its terms; that I will use the confidential information only in connection with this proceeding and for no other purpose; that I will only allow access to support staff who are reasonably necessary to assist me in this proceeding; that prior to any disclosure to such support staff I informed or will inform them of the requirements of the Protective

Order; that I am personally responsible for the requirements of the terms of the Protective Order and I agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Office and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for purposes of enforcing the terms of the Protective Order and providing remedies for its breach.

[Signature]