

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC LAM A/K/A ERIC CHUEN LAM,  
MELANIE SUEN A/K/A MELANIE MA  
LAN SUEN A/K/A MA LAN MELANIE  
SUEN A/K/A/ MA LAN SUEN, GORDON  
LAM, SUPER CONTINENTAL US LLC,  
SUPER CONTINENTAL USA LLC, UMGE,  
and DOES 1 THROUGH 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

No. C09-0815 RSM

PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING  
HANDLING OF TRADE SECRETS  
AND CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the stipulated motion of plaintiff Microsoft Corporation and defendants Eric Lam, Melanie Suen, Gordon Lam, Super Continental US LLC, Super Continental USA LLC, and UMGE, for entry of a Protective Order Regarding Handling of Trade Secrets and Confidential Material. Having considered the parties' agreed motion and the other pleadings and papers filed in this matter, and to protect the confidentiality of proprietary and trade secret information contained in documents produced and information disclosed in this litigation,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Protective Order be entered in this matter and that the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below with respect to information, documents, or things produced in this litigation:

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HANDLING OF TRADE SECRETS AND  
CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - 1  
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1           1.       This Order shall be applicable to and govern all depositions, documents,  
2 information or things produced in response to requests for production of documents, answers  
3 to interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, subpoenas, and all other discovery  
4 taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as testimony adduced at trial,  
5 matters in evidence and other information which the disclosing party designates as  
6 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” hereafter  
7 furnished, and any material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” disclosed or produced prior to  
8 the date of this Order, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of any party or any nonparty  
9 witness in connection with this action. As used herein, “disclosing party” shall refer to the  
10 parties to this action or to third parties who give testimony or produce documents or other  
11 information.

12           2.       The following information may be designated as “CONFIDENTIAL  
13 MATERIAL”: any trade secret or other confidential research, design, development, financial,  
14 or commercial information contained in any document, discovery response or testimony.  
15 Each provision in this Order applying to “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” shall also apply to  
16 material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” disclosed or produced prior to the date of this  
17 Order.

18           3.       The following information may be designated as “ATTORNEYS ONLY  
19 MATERIAL”: any trade secret or other confidential research, design, development, or  
20 commercial information contained in any document, discovery response, or deposition  
21 testimony, that is entitled to a higher level of protection due to its commercial sensitivity.

22           4.       In designating information as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or  
23 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL,” a disclosing party shall make such a designation only  
24 as to materials which it in good faith believes is confidential. “CONFIDENTIAL  
25 MATERIAL” and “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” shall be used by the parties to this  
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1 litigation solely for the purpose of conducting this litigation, but not for any other purpose  
2 whatsoever.

3 5. In the absence of written permission from the disclosing party, or an order of  
4 the Court, information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL”, or as  
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” in the case of materials disclosed or produced prior to the date of this  
6 Order, shall be used solely for the purposes of litigation between the parties hereto, and may  
7 be disclosed by the parties only to the following persons:

8 a. The attorneys working on this action and having made an appearance in  
9 this Court on behalf of any party, including in-house attorneys who have appeared in  
10 this Court and staff, stenographic and clerical employees and contractors working  
11 under the direct supervision of such counsel;

12 b. Any person not employed by a party who is expressly retained or by  
13 any attorney described in paragraph 5(a) to assist in preparation of this action for trial,  
14 with disclosure only to the extent necessary to perform such work;

15 c. Employees of a party who are required by such party to work directly on  
16 this litigation, with disclosure only to the extent necessary to perform such work; and

17 d. The Court, jury, court personnel, court reporters, and other persons  
18 connected with the Court.

19 6. In the absence of written permission from the disclosing party, or an order of  
20 the Court, information designated as “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” shall be used  
21 solely for the purposes of litigation between the parties hereto, and may be disclosed to only  
22 the following persons:

23 a. The persons set forth in paragraph 5(a);

24 b. The persons set forth in paragraph 5(b);

25 c. The persons set forth in paragraph 5(d);

1           7.       The persons described in paragraph 5(b) shall have access to the  
2 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL,” and the persons described in paragraph 6(b) shall have  
3 access to the “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” only after they have been made aware of  
4 the provisions of this Order and have manifested their assent to be bound thereby by signing a  
5 copy of the annexed “ACKNOWLEDGMENT.”

6           8.       Each individual who receives any “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or  
7 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” hereby agrees to subject himself/herself to the  
8 jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of any proceedings relating to the performance  
9 under, compliance with or violation of this Protective Order. Each individual (other than  
10 court personnel) who receives any “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS  
11 ONLY MATERIAL” shall be provided with a copy of this Protective Order by the person  
12 providing such material.

13           9.       The recipient of any “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS  
14 ONLY MATERIAL” that is provided under this Order shall maintain such information in a  
15 secure and safe area and shall exercise the same standard of due and proper care with respect  
16 to the storage, custody, use and/or dissemination of such information as is exercised by the  
17 recipient with respect to its own proprietary information. “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL”  
18 or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” shall not be copied, reproduced, summarized or  
19 abstracted, except to the extent that such copying, reproduction, summarization or abstraction  
20 is reasonably necessary for the conduct of this lawsuit. All such copies, reproductions,  
21 summarizations, extractions, and abstractions shall be subject to the terms of the Order, and  
22 labeled in the same manner as the designated material on which they are based

23           10.       Disclosing parties shall designate “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or  
24 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” as follows:  
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1 a. In the case of documents, interrogatory answers, responses to requests to  
2 admit, and the information contained therein, designation shall be made by placing the  
3 following legend on every page of any such document prior to production:

4 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL.” In the  
5 event that a party inadvertently fails to stamp or otherwise designate a document or  
6 other information as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY  
7 MATERIAL” at the time of its production, that party may at any time thereafter stamp  
8 or otherwise designate the document or other information as “CONFIDENTIAL  
9 MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL.” Such document or other  
10 information shall be treated as designated beginning at the time such designation occurs.

11 b. In the case of depositions, designation of the portion of the transcript  
12 (including exhibits) which contains “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or  
13 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” shall be made by a statement to such effect on  
14 the record in the course of the deposition or, upon review of such transcript, by  
15 counsel for the party to whose “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” OR “ATTORNEYS  
16 ONLY MATERIAL” the deponent has had access, which counsel shall designate  
17 within fourteen (14) days after counsel’s receipt of the transcript. During those  
18 fourteen days, the entire deposition transcript, including exhibits, shall be deemed  
19 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL,” unless counsel during the deposition states that the  
20 information is “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” in which case that portion of the  
21 deposition designated as “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” shall carry that  
22 designation for the fourteen day period.

23 c. Any “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY  
24 MATERIAL” produced in a nonpaper media (*e.g.*, videotape, audiotape, computer  
25 disk, etc.) may be designated as such by labeling the outside of such nonpaper media  
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1 as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” and  
2 filing this material in a sealed envelope with a legend described in paragraph 9(c). In  
3 the event a receiving party generates any “hard copy,” transcription, or printout from  
4 any such designated nonpaper media, such party must treat each copy, transcription, or  
5 printout as designated and label it in a manner effective to ensure proper treatment.

6 11. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a  
7 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” designation at the  
8 time made, and failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto during the  
9 pendency of this litigation. In the event that any party to this litigation disagrees at any stage  
10 of these proceedings with such designation, such party shall provide to the disclosing party  
11 written notice of its disagreement with the designation. The parties shall first try to resolve  
12 such dispute in good faith on an informal basis. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the party  
13 challenging the designation may request appropriate relief from the Court, but in any event,  
14 such relief from the Court shall not be requested before ten (10) days after the disclosing party  
15 is served with said written notice. However, in the event of a dispute about the propriety of a  
16 designation that arises in connection with the denial of a motion to seal (*see* paragraph 15  
17 below), the party challenging the designation may request an immediate telephonic motion  
18 pursuant to Local Rule 7(h) to resolve the matter. The burden of proving that information has  
19 been properly designated as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY  
20 MATERIAL” is on the party making such designation.

21 12. Documents containing “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS  
22 ONLY MATERIAL” of any party shall not be filed with the Court unless the filing party  
23 believes it is reasonably necessary to do so for purposes of trial or motions, including without  
24 limitation, motions for preliminary injunction or summary judgment, or other Court matters.  
25 The parties shall take reasonable steps to file “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” and  
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1 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” under seal pursuant to FRCP 26(c)(7) and Local Rule  
2 5(g).

3 13. Nothing in this Order shall preclude any party to the lawsuit or their attorneys  
4 (a) from showing a document designated as “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or  
5 “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” to an individual who either prepared the document  
6 prior to the filing of this action, or is identified on the face of the document as an addressee or  
7 copy addressee, or (b) from disclosing or using, in any manner or for any purpose, any  
8 information or documents from the party’s own files which the party itself has designated as  
9 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL.”

10 14. In the event any receiving party having possession, custody or control of any  
11 “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” receives a  
12 subpoena or other process or order to produce such information in another, unrelated legal  
13 proceeding, from a nonparty to this action, such receiving party shall notify counsel for the  
14 disclosing party or third party of the subpoena or other process or order, furnish counsel for  
15 the disclosing party or third party with a copy of said subpoena or other process or order, and  
16 cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the disclosing  
17 party party or third party whose interests may be affected. The disclosing party or third party  
18 asserting the “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL”  
19 treatment shall have the burden of defending against such subpoena, process or order. The  
20 receiving party receiving the subpoena or other process or order shall be entitled to comply  
21 with it except to the extent the disclosing party or third party asserting the “CONFIDENTIAL  
22 MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL” treatment is successful in obtaining an  
23 order modifying or quashing the subpoena or other process or order.

24 15. If information subject to a claim of attorney-client privilege or work product  
25 immunity is inadvertently produced, such production shall in no way prejudice or otherwise  
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1 constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of privilege or work product immunity for  
2 such information. Upon written request by the inadvertently disclosing party or third person,  
3 the receiving party shall: (a) return the original and all copies of such documents or promptly  
4 petition the Court for a determination whether (i) production is properly deemed inadvertent  
5 or (ii) the document is subject to a claim of privilege; and (b) shall not use such information  
6 for any purpose unless allowed by order of the Court.

7 16. Within sixty (60) days of the termination of litigation between the parties, all  
8 "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL," all "ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL," and all copies  
9 thereof, shall be returned to the party which produced it or shall be destroyed. Counsel for  
10 each party shall be entitled to retain all pleadings, motion papers, legal memoranda,  
11 correspondence and work product that does not contain any "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL"  
12 OR "ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIAL" or information derived therefrom.

13 17. Except as specifically provided herein, the terms, conditions, and limitations of  
14 this Order shall survive the termination of this action.

15 18. This Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any party to seek  
16 relief from the Court, upon good cause shown, from any of the provisions contained herein.

17 19. This Protective Order shall not be construed as waiving any right to assert a  
18 claim of privilege, relevance, overbreadth, burdensomeness or other grounds for not  
19 producing material called for, and access to such material shall be only as otherwise provided  
20 by the discovery rules and other applicable law.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED:

22 DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

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25 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING HANDLING OF TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL which was entered by the Court on \_\_\_\_\_ in *Microsoft Corporation v. Eric Lam, et al.*, Western District of Washington Case No. C09-0815-RSM, that he/she is one of the persons contemplated in paragraphs 5 or 6 thereof as authorized to receive disclosure of information designated “CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL” or “ATTORNEYS ONLY MATERIALS” respectively, by either of the parties or by nonparties, and that he/she has read and fully understands and agrees to abide by the obligations and conditions of the Protective Order.

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