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To: FCC

Re: REQUEST FOR NONDISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- 1. We request the following information to be withheld from the public: schematics 911-000022-000 5 pages, parts list 600-000106-000 all pages, circuit description 11 pages.
- 2. The application in which the information appears is the R3 Controller for the Halo System (the FCC ID number is HE7R3C).
- 3. All of the identified information is proprietary and confidential.
- 4. The Halo System is used in a highly competitive market of the health care security systems. There are several direct competitors whose products offer similar user features in the North American market alone.
- 5. The disclosure of the identified information would allow the competitor to achieve the price advantage by bypassing the extensive research stage, as well as easing the task of firmware reverse-engineering. That in turn would allow copying the EXI's proprietary communications protocols and provide a competitive edge in product quality.
- 6. All the personnel with access to design documentation at EXI are required to sign confidentiality and non-competition agreements.
- 7. The information is not available to the public at present time, and there has been no previous disclosure to third parties.
- 8. We request protection of the information for a period of at least 3 years since the company has no intention to disclose the underlying communications protocols in the foreseeable future; and the next generations of the products will likely inherit from the current system.
- 9. Disclosure of the information may negatively affect the Halo System efficiency as a security device by providing a potential perpetrator with clues about the system's vulnerabilities.

Sincerely,

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