

**Diamond Films Netherlands Cooperatief U.A. v  
Canela Media, Inc.**

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Judge: Andrea Masley

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK: COMMERCIAL DIVISION PART 48

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DIAMOND FILMS NETHERLANDS COOPERATIEF U.A.,

INDEX NO. 651371/2026

Petitioner,

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- v -

CANELA MEDIA, INC.,

MOTION SEQ. NO. 002

Respondent.

**DECISION + ORDER ON  
MOTION**

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HON. ANDREA MASLEY:

The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 002) 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34

were read on this motion to/for SEAL.

In motion sequence 002, petitioner Diamond Films Netherlands Coöperatief U.A. (Diamond Films) moves pursuant to the Uniform Rules of the New York State Trial Courts (22 NYCRR) § 216.1 to seal/redact the Information Subpoena Response (NYSCEF 9<sup>1</sup>) and Program License Agreement (NYSCEF 10<sup>2</sup>). (See NYSCEF Doc. No. [NYSCEF] 28, Order to Show Cause at 2.) Specifically, Diamond Film argues that good cause exists to seal/redact because these documents contain respondent Canela Media, Inc.'s (Canela's) accrued revenue and pricing terms, which, if publicly disclosed, could threaten Canela's competitive advantage. (NYSCEF 27, Proposed Sealing Chart.) The motion is unopposed.

<sup>1</sup> Proposed redactions are filed under seal at NYSCEF 25.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed redactions are filed under seal at NYSCEF 26.

## Legal Standard

“Under New York law, there is a broad presumption that the public is entitled to access to judicial proceedings and court records.” (*Mosallem v Berenson*, 76 AD3d 345, 348 [1st Dept 2010] [citations omitted].) The public’s right to access is, however, not absolute, and under certain circumstances, “public inspection of court records has been limited by numerous statutes.” (*Id.* at 349.) For example, § 216.1(a) of the Uniform Rules for Trial Courts, empowers courts to seal documents only upon a written finding of good cause. It provides:

“Except where otherwise provided by statute or rule, a court shall not enter an order in any action or proceeding sealing the court records, whether in whole or in part, except upon a written finding of good cause, which shall specify the grounds thereof. In determining whether good cause has been shown, the court shall consider the interests of the public as well as of the parties. Where it appears necessary or desirable, the court may prescribe appropriate notice and opportunity to be heard.” (Uniform Rules for Trial Cts [22 NYCRR] § 216.1 [a].)

The “party seeking to seal court records has the burden to demonstrate compelling circumstances to justify restricting public access” to the documents. (*Mosallem*, 76 AD3d at 349 [citations omitted].) Good cause must “rest on a sound basis or legitimate need to take judicial action.” (*Danco Lab Ltd. v Chemical Works of Gedeon Richter, Ltd.*, 274 AD2d 1, 8 [1st Dept 2000] [internal quotation marks and citation omitted].)

## Discussion

Diamond Film seeks to seal and redact NYSCEF 9 and 10 on the grounds that these documents contain Canela’s accrued revenue and pricing terms, which, if publicly disclosed, could threaten respondent’s competitive advantage. (NYSCEF 27, Proposed Sealing Chart.) Courts have sealed records containing “sensitive proprietary and business information ... [when] [t]he parties had an interest in protecting these

documents and there was no countervailing public interest that would be furthered by their disclosure.” (*Jetblue Airways Corp. v Stephenson*, 31 Misc 3d 1241[A], 2010 NY Slip Op 52405[U], \*7 [Sup Ct, NY County 2010], *affd* 88 AD3d 567 [1st Dept 2011]; see also *Dawson v White & Case*, 184 AD2d 246, 247 [1st Dept 1992].) Similarly, courts have sealed records where the disclosure of documents “could threaten a business’s competitive advantage.” (*Mosallem*, 76 AD3d at 350-351 [citations omitted].) The proposed redactions are warranted so that Canela does not suffer competitive harm, especially since there is no public interest in these documents. Therefore, NYSCEF 9 and 10 shall remain sealed.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that motion sequence 002 is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the County Clerk, upon service of this order, is directed to seal NYSCEF 9, 10, 25, and 26; and it is further

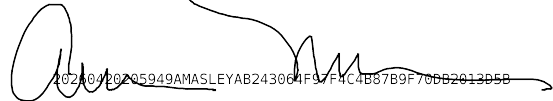
ORDERED that the County Clerk shall restrict access to the sealed documents with access to be granted only to authorized court personnel and designees, the parties and counsel of record in this action, and any representative of a party or of counsel of record upon presentation to the County Clerk of written authorization from counsel; and it is further

ORDERED that Diamond Films shall serve a copy of this order on the County Clerk in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Protocol on Courthouse County Clerk Procedures for Electronically Filed Cases (accessible at the “E-Filing” page on the court’s website at the address [www.nycourts.gov/supctmanh](http://www.nycourts.gov/supctmanh)); and it is further

ORDERED that Diamond Films shall file publicly redacted versions of NYSCEF 9 and 10 on the public docket within 10 days of the date of this decision; and it is further

ORDERED that if any party seeks to redact identical information in future filings that the court is permitting to be redacted here, that party shall submit a proposed sealing order to the court (via [sfc-part48@nycourts.gov](mailto:sfc-part48@nycourts.gov) and NYSCEF) instead of filing another seal motion; and it is further

ORDERED that this order does not authorize sealing or redacting for the purposes of trial or other court proceedings on the record, e.g. arguments on motions.



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ANDREA MASLEY, J.S.C.

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CASE DISPOSED

NON-FINAL DISPOSITION

GRANTED

DENIED

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OTHER

APPLICATION:

SETTLE ORDER

SUBMIT ORDER

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INCLUDES TRANSFER/REASSIGN

FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENT

REFERENCE