

# NI7-SILENTHORN-A1

## Confidentiality Request

This request for confidentiality is intended to apply to all documents associated with the form 731 package (including exhibits/attachments) identified as requiring confidential status.

This request for confidentiality is based on the need to protect intellectual property. Any disclosure of the information identified as requiring confidential status would compromise the competitive position of the associated business venture. It should be noted that the SILENTHORN™ & SILENT SIREN™ vehicle warning devices are protected by United States Patent & Trademark Office Patent Number 6,011,492 issued January 04, 2000 and entitled, "Vehicle Warning System for Visual Communication of Hazardous Traffic Conditions".

Please note that although the Patent is part of the public domain, it does **not** contain detailed technical information regarding specific electronics. Hence the sensitivity linked to any disclosure of such information.

The three (3)Attachments/Exhibits intended to be covered by this request are as follows:

- Block Diagrams
- Schematics
- Operational Description

Disclosure of such information could result in substantial competitive harm by facilitating a competitor's attempts to either; a. infringe the patent or, b. launch a similar unit as a substitute/alternate device.

Applicant has not only sought patent protection, but has successfully executed legally binding Non-Disclosure Agreements with all parties/organizations involved in the development program (e.g., designer, manufacturer, installer, etc.). There has been no disclosure of such information to the general public, and any disclosure to third parties has been covered by said Non-Disclosure Agreements.

I assert that the material covered by this request for confidentiality should not be available for public disclosure for a period of time corresponding to the duration of valid patent protection – no longer than June 30, 2018.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

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