

Attention: FCC Application Examiner Federal Communications Commission Equipment Authorization Branch 7435 Oakland Mills Road Columbia, MD 21046

Re: Request for Permanent Confidentiality

**Applicant: Sonetics Corporation** 

To whom it may concern,

**Permanent Confidentiality Request** 

FCC ID: V9N950325400V1

FCC Part 15 Certification (Ref. Model APX375)

Request is hereby submitted by Sonetics Corporation to withhold permanently from public review certain portions of the application for equipment certification for the referenced FCC identifiers. This request for confidentiality is made pursuant to 47 CFR 0.457(d) and 0.459 of the FCC Rules. In particular, the following sections of the application are to be kept permanently confidential:

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- Schematics
- Detailed Block diagrams
- Detailed Operational/Functional Description
- Parts list

## **Rationale for request for Permanent Confidentiality:**

Although Sonetics Corporation has plans to market the product to strictly to Professional and Industrial Users, Sonetics Corporation has invested considerable time and materials in research and development to produce the referenced product. Disclosure of the permanently confidential portions of this application to competitors would not only give them significant competitive advantages in developing similar products, but would also disclose successful implementation of unpublished, leading edge technology developed by Sonetics. The documents identified above are not normally released to the general public or users. Furthermore, Sonetics has signed a nondisclosure agreement with our supplier related to design information related to codeveloped componentry and firmware and is forbidden to disseminate related design information to the public.

## **Additional Justification Notes:**

- (1) Device contains an active and passive Hearing Protector with proprietary listen through with proprietary noise processing and noise dosimeter technology.
- (2) Unit is physically sealed for noise intrusion by manufacturer during production for compliance with hearing protection Noise Reduction Rating requirements per United States EPA Requirements and as such is only serviceable by licensee or designated technicians. (Opening the device destroys noise calibration)
- (3) Headset units are hermetically sealed by the manufacturer for water ingress protection (IP-67) and as such is only serviceable by licensee or designated technicians.

- (4) The technical information defined in this confidentiality request is not otherwise released to the public.
- (5) The device contains a module and proprietary firmware and the Applicant has signed a nondisclosure agreement with the component supplier that prohibits technical and trade data disclosure to the general public without written consent of the module supplier, of which, such disclosure to general public has not been granted.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned. Sincerely,

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