

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Kevin M. Martin, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am Vice President, North America of Methode Electronics, Inc., and I am authorized by Methode Electronics, Inc. to execute this certificate on its behalf.
- (2) I certify that the Methode analysis report included in the Ford Motor Company RQ21-001 submission and designated as confidential business information consists of confidential and proprietary data and are being submitted with the claim that they are entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), on the grounds that their disclosure would reveal competitively valuable information about Methode's design and product evaluation processes. As a result, Methode's competitors would obtain valuable information at Methode's expense, resulting in competitive harm to Methode's competitive position.
- (3) I hereby request that the information contained in the documents be protected for an indefinite (permanent) period on the grounds that the information will retain its competitive value for the foreseeable future.
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Methode Electronics, Inc. personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Methode Electronics, Inc.
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Methode information for which confidential treatment is being sought has never been released or become available outside Methode, except for disclosures to Ford Motor Company subject to understandings and/or agreements that Ford Motor Company would protect the confidentiality of the information.
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Methode because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5).
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 14 day of April, 2021

