

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 5, 2008

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

BOOKHAM INC.
File No. 0-30684 - CF#22736

Bookham, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 20-F filed on March 19, 2003

Based on representations by Bookham, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibits will not be released to the public for the time periods specified:

Exhibit 4.2	until November 1, 2011
Exhibit 4.3	until November 1, 2011

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Karen J. Garnett
Assistant Director