

PRESS INFORMATION

Tridonic files patent infringement lawsuit against sales partner of HTC Smartphones

Dornbirn, August 6, 2018. Tridonic Jennersdorf GmbH, a subsidiary of Tridonic GmbH & Co KG, Dornbirn and thus part of the Zumtobel Group lighting group, has filed a lawsuit against the company Ingram Micro Distribution GmbH based in Germany. The subject of the legal action brought before Munich District Court I is the sale of smartphones manufactured by HTC of Taiwan.

Together with Toyoda Gosei, Ltd. in Japan, Leuchtstoffwerk Breitung GmbH and Litec GbR in Germany, Tridonic Jennersdorf GmbH makes up the B.O.S.E. Consortium which owns basic patents for the technology generating white light with blue LEDs and yellow silicate phosphors. Tridonic initiated patent lawsuits against telecommunication retailer S-KON eKontor24 GmbH in 2017. Although District Court Munich I affirmed Tridonic's arguments, parties agreed on a settlement for reasons of legal certainty and prompt settlement of the dispute. Ingram Micro Distribution GmbH is a further HTC smartphone supplier identified in said previous law suit.

Silicate-based white LED technology enables the manufacture of white LEDs with high accuracy and high brightness. Primary applications of such LEDs include smartphones, laptops, GPS systems and other display products, which means this technology is of relevance to a substantial share of today's LED market. To make this white LED technology available to the LED industry, the B.O.S.E. Consortium offers licensing arrangements for its use. The B.O.S.E. Consortium has already concluded licensing agreements with more than 40 LED manufacturers worldwide.

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About Tridonic

Tridonic is a world-leading supplier of lighting technology, supporting its customers with intelligent hardware and software and offering the highest level of quality, reliability and energy savings. As a global driver of innovation in the field of lighting-based network technology, Tridonic develops scalable, future-oriented solutions that enable new business models for lighting manufacturers, building managers, systems integrators, planners and many other types of customers.

To promote the vision of the Internet of Light, Tridonic relies on partnerships with other specialists. The goal is the joint development of innovative technological solutions that convert lighting systems into intelligent networks and thereby enable associated services. Its profound, technical industry expertise makes Tridonic an ideal partner for established brands and for newcomers to the market.

Tridonic is the technology company of the Zumtobel Group and is headquartered in Dornbirn, Austria. In the 2017/18 business year, Tridonic generated sales of Euro 352,7 million. 1,690 highly skilled employees and a worldwide sales presence in over 50 countries reflect the company's commitment to the development and deployment of new, smart and connected lighting systems.

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