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Enforcement of MPEG-2 Infringement Verdicts Proceeds Against DVD Disc Manufacturer ODS

(Denver, Colorado, US - 21 December 2006) - With the posting of security bonds earlier this week, several patent holders enforced verdicts in the German District court (Landgericht Düsseldorf) cases finding that DVD disc manufacturer Optical Disc Service (“ODS”) infringed patents licensed in the MPEG-2 Patent Portfolio License offered by MPEG LA, and enforcement of additional verdicts is expected. See http://www.mpegla.com/news/n_06-11-30_pr.pdf. As a result, although the verdicts can be appealed, ODS must cease and desist its current DVD production, which uses the enforced patents, and pay damages to the patent owners for past DVD production.

The MPEG-2 Standard is the core technology underlying the efficient creation, transmission, storage and display of digitized moving images and sound tracks on which DVD and other digital technologies are based; and the DVD-Video Standard (DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc, Part 3: VIDEO SPECIFICATIONS) requires DVD Video discs to contain information formatted in accordance with the MPEG-2 Standard.

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