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Mitsubishi Electric Wins Hand Dryer Patent and Design Rights Infringement Lawsuits in China

TOKYO, December 9, 2019 – [Mitsubishi Electric Corporation](#) (TOKYO: 6503) announced today that the Shanghai High People's Court in China has ruled in its favor in the lawsuits alleging infringement of Mitsubishi Electric's Jet Towel® hand dryer patent and design rights by Taizhou Dihour Electrical Appliances Co., Ltd., a Chinese manufacturer. The hand dryers manufactured by Taizhou Dihour were sold by Taizhou Dihour themselves and by Shanghai Jiecheng Electrical Appliances Co., Ltd. ("the Defendants").

In a separate copyright infringement lawsuit filed against the Defendants, Mitsubishi Electric already won a preliminary court ruling on May 24, 2018; the court ruled that the Defendants had infringed Mitsubishi's copyrights in 13 areas.

Mitsubishi Electric became the world's first company to develop and market a new type of hand dryer that blows jets of air on both sides of the hand, pushing the water off rather than evaporating it, when it introduced its Jet Towel model in 1993.

Outline of Lawsuit Alleging Infringement of Patent and Design Rights

1. Defendants

- (a) Taizhou Dihour Electrical Appliances Co., Ltd. (Manufacturing and sales company)
(Postal address: North Dashi Class I highway, Daxi Town, Wenling City, ZheJiang province, China)
- (b) Shanghai Jiecheng Electrical Appliances Co., Ltd., (Sales company)
(Postal address: Room 1167, Building 1, 1388 Xingxian Road, Jiading District, Shanghai City, China)

2. Infringing products

Hand dryers manufactured and sold by the Defendants (model No. DH9922H and others)

3. Mitsubishi's rights which were infringed

Patent No. ZL201180038404.4 (entitled "Hand Drying Machine")

This patent covers the shape of the nozzle of the hand dryer.

Design No. ZL201130019895.0 (entitled "Hand Dryer")

This design right covers the appearance of the hand dryer (i.e., the design of the product in its entirety).

4. Mitsubishi's claims

The Defendants must cease manufacturing and selling the infringing products in China, destroy the infringing products and pay compensation.

5. Court

Shanghai High People's Court (the appellate court)

6. Court decision

The Defendants must cease manufacturing and selling the infringing products in China, destroy the infringing products and pay compensation.

7. Date of court decision

November 19, 2019

Jet Towel is a registered trademark of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation.

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About Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

With nearly 100 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TOKYO: 6503) is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, energy, transportation and building equipment. Embracing the spirit of its corporate statement, Changes for the Better, and its environmental statement, Eco Changes, Mitsubishi Electric endeavors to be a global, leading green company, enriching society with technology. The company recorded a revenue of 4,519.9 billion yen (US\$ 40.7 billion*) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. For more information visit:

www.MitsubishiElectric.com

*At an exchange rate of 111 yen to the US dollar, the rate given by the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2019