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Nichia files Patent Infringement Lawsuits concerning Dominant LEDs sold by German distributor

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On October 11, 2024, Nichia Corporation ("Nichia") filed Patent Infringement Lawsuits in Germany in the Düsseldorf Local Division of the European Unified Patent Court (UPC) and the Munich District Court against Endrich Bauelemente Vertriebs GmbH ("Endrich"), a German electronic components distributor, for selling certain automotive LED products manufactured by Malaysia-based LED manufacturer Dominant Opto Technologies Sdn. Bhd. ("Dominant").

In the lawsuits, Nichia is seeking permanent injunction, rendering accounts, damages, recall and destruction, alleging that certain automotive LED products from the Spice Plus and Nagajo series manufactured by Dominant and sold by Endrich infringe three Nichia patents, namely EP2323178 (for the territory of Germany, Italy, France and Netherlands), EP2216834 (for the territory of Germany), and EP3267494 (for the territory of Germany). For the relationship between the Dominant LED products being object of the lawsuits and the Nichia patents, please refer to the information below:

		Spice Plus 2120	Spice Plus 3030	Spice Plus 3014	Nagajo 1216
Court	Patent	Multi Color SKRTB-FHG (RGB 3in1)	Multi Color S6RTB-THG (RGB 3in1)	SEW-WZSG	JEW-EZHY
UPC Düsseldorf Local Division	EP2323178	•	•	•	
Germany Munich Court I	EP3267494			•	District
Germany Munich District Court I	EP2216834			•	

Nichia claims that certain products from the Spice Plus series infringe EP2323178 and EP3267494. EP2323178 relates to LED package epoxy resins that exhibit excellent heat and light resistance. EP3267494 relates to LEDs that achieve high reliability and high efficiency in manufacturing. These two patents represent important technologies in the automotive lighting and backlighting market, where highly reliable LEDs are especially required.

Nichia also claims that certain products from the Nagajo series infringe EP2216834, which relate to CSP (Chip Scale Package) products, an essential technology for high-luminance LEDs. This technology is of particular importance in the automotive headlight market, where high-luminance LEDs are especially required.

Nichia also holds family patents in the following countries:

EP2323178 □ Japan, U.S., Germany, U.K., France, Italy, Netherlands, China, India, Taiwan, and Korea

EP3267494 □ Japan, U.S., Germany, U.K., France, Netherlands, India, Taiwan, Korea, and Brazil

EP2216834 □ Japan, U.S., U.K., France, Italy, Netherlands, India, Taiwan, Korea, and Russia.

Nichia seeks to protect its patents and other intellectual property rights and takes actions against alleged infringers in any country where appropriate and necessary.

The complete press release can be found [here](#).

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