

Systems Division \$3.77M jury award in case against Teknek Electronics finalized

The Santa Ana Federal Court has entered a final judgment regarding the jury decision from July 12, 2004. Following a 3 day trial, the Federal Court jury unanimously awarded \$3 million to Systems Division, Inc., in its patent infringement lawsuit against Teknek Electronics Ltd. and Teknek LLC, says Systems Division. The plaintiff company said the seven-member jury found that the defendants had willfully infringed Systems Division's United States patents '073, '358 and '393 for computer circuit-board cleaning.

The final Court order stated that "it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the Plaintiff Systems Division is awarded \$771,555.25 in prejudgment interest against Defendant Teknek LLC and Teknek Electronics, Ltd., in addition to the \$3,000,000 previously awarded to Plaintiff. Teknek continues to amass post-judgment interest until they pay the damages or post a bond. In previous orders, the Court has ordered "that Defendants, their agents, are hereafter enjoined from importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, and selling in the United States any CM6, CM5 mk2, or any machine substantially identical to a CM6 or CM5 mk2 machine." The Federal Court also ordered a full accounting of Teknek's assets "in light of Teknek's inability to post the bond and SDI's concerns that Teknek has been dissipating assets..."

Defendant Teknek Electronics Ltd. is a limited liability partnership based in Renfrewshire, Scotland; and Defendant Teknek LLC is a limited liability corporation based in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. In May of 1999, according to SDI, it noted that Teknek was infringing on its patents and requested that Teknek immediately cease and desist selling those of its products that infringed SDI's patents. According to SDI, Teknek continued to manufacture and sell knock-offs of the plaintiff's patented sheet cleaning machines and paper rollers around the world.

Systems Division, Inc. is represented by Edward O'Connor of the Laguna Beach, CA firm of O'Connor, Christensen, and McLaughlin.