

Press Release

Pelikan Hardcopy respects existing patents

On Pelikan's legal action against Canon – and the ruling of November 17, 2005

Egg, March 21, 2006 – According to a report circulating on the Internet, Pelikan is under obligation to destroy proprietary ink cartridges with specific article numbers defined under the terms of a legal ruling secured by Canon. This assertion is not true. What is true is that Canon obtained a legal ruling against Pelikan Hardcopy (International) AG last year whereby certain Pelikan products were alleged to have infringed Canon patents. The Pelikan Hardcopy Group withdrew these products from the market three years ago and has neither sold or distributed them since. Current Pelikan products which continue to be merchandised under the old article numbers do not infringe on patents taken out by Canon.

Pelikan Hardcopy should like to take this opportunity to point out that it is basic company policy not to market products before checks have been run to ensure they comply with mandatory requirements for patents. In the event that a product runs the risk of infringing patent protection, it is amended or changed. Hence Pelikan Hardcopy continues to ensure that the products it sells and distributes do not infringe patent protection.

Further information about Pelikan Hardcopy is available at www.pelikan-hardcopy.com.

Pelikan Hardcopy (International) AG is an independent company based in Egg, Switzerland which manufactures, sells and distributes innovative low-priced printer accessories. Its wide range of products comprises Inkjet cartridges, toner modules, thermal transfer rolls and typewriter ribbons as well as transparencies, photo papers and other special papers. In just a few years Pelikan Hardcopy has managed to become the number one company in the market for compatible printer accessories.

Pelikan Hardcopy operates sales outlets in 12 European countries and has an intricate distribution network that extends as far as Asia and Africa. The company's specialists work on continual development of inks, toners and other consumables at Pelikan's research and development laboratories in Switzerland, Scotland, Czech Republic and China. Pelikan Hardcopy employs over 1,000 staff in Europe and Asia.

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