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Notice Regarding Court Action

On January 17, 2006, a lawsuit was brought against JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JAPAN CASH MACHINE GERMANY GMBH, in the Düsseldorf District Court as below. (The service of complaint to the overseas subsidiary was on February 13/ It isn't yet sent to JCM as of this writing.)

Note

(1) The side brought an action (Plaintiff)

MARS INCORPORATED (hereinafter referred to as "MARS") (Location: Virginia, USA)

(2) Circumstance

MARS has filed a complaint for patent infringement, claiming our Bill Acceptor violates certain MARS patent, and seeks an injunction against the sales. We are verifying the substance of complaint at the moment.

We acknowledge this court action in Düsseldorf is relevant to the one in United States that we announced on June 30, 2005. The background of this series of court action is as follows.

(1) On June 17, 2005, MARS has filed a complaint against JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JCM AMERICAN CORP. (Nevada, USA) for alleged patent infringement, claiming JCM new Bill Acceptor violates certain MARS patents, and seeks an injunction against the sales.

(2) JCM has requested the reexamination of validity of the intended MARS patent to USTPO. Our request was granted on January 23, 2006 and the research is currently underway.

(3) Meanwhile JCM has filed a complaint for patent infringement in the U.S. District Court against MARS, claiming their products violate JCM patents.

(4) Furthermore, MARS has filed a complaint against JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JAPAN CASH MACHINE GERMANY GMBH as above mentioned.

We believe in our legitimacy to this series of court action, and we will continue to insist our affirmation.