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### **JCM VICTORIOUS IN GERMAN PATENT COURT IN MARS LAWSUIT**

LAS VEGAS (August 6, 2007) — The German Federal Patent Court issued a nullity judgment against Mars Inc/MEI Inc., on July 18, declaring patent EP 0 026 775 (DE 693 06 231) claims 26, 27 and 28 to be invalid for the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany. The judgment, awarded in favor of JCM, requires Mars Inc./MEI Inc. to bear all costs of the procedure in the amount of 120 percent of the enforceable amount.

The judgment was rendered by a panel of technically competent Patent Judges.

Mars Inc/MEI Inc. had sited the same claims 26, 27 and 28 against JCM in a 10 million Euro patent infringement lawsuit in a German District Court. The District Court case had been stayed awaiting the ruling of the German Federal Patent Court.

Another patent infringement case is pending in a United States District Court involving essentially the same claims of an equivalent US Patent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,577,589). JCM has filed a summary judgment motion to invalidate the US patent.

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