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Notice of Mitsubishi Electric's patent for laser processing equipment invalidated

The Patent Office has declared Patent #3138613 of Mitsubishi Electric invalid on April 14, 2011.

This decision was based on the patent invalidation trial Amada has filed in Japan Patent Office against a claim of patent infringement Mitsubishi Electric has filed in Tokyo District Court on May 31, 2010.

Amada's argument was that the technology could be easily invented by looking at publications that existed before the patent applications were made and that the technology was not progressive. The Patent Office's decision of "invalid patent" shows that our arguments were fully accepted.

Generally, when the "invalidity" of a patent is accepted, the patent is declared null and void, so the patent owner cannot exercise its patent rights such as injunctive reliefs or claims for damages.

The patent infringement involving this patent is currently on trial at the Tokyo District Court, and Amada will continue to argue the legitimacy of our actions, while we strongly believe that the Patent Office's decision of patent invalidation will fairly be reflected on the court's ruling.

We will disclose the court's decision as soon as the verdict is out. We ask for your continued support.