



## **Court decision on Validity against HTC in Germany in the NFC patent disputes with France Brevets**

*Paris – January 22 2016* – on January 13th, 2016 after a trial on the merits the German Federal Patent Court (Bundespatentgericht) in Munich fully confirmed the validity of EP 1 855 229.

Previously on March 26th , 2015 the Dusseldorf courts (Landgericht) held that certain HTC smartphone products infringe this patent, which is exclusively licensed to France Brevets by Inside Secure. This patent relates to Near Field Communication (NFC) technology and protects an invention developed over ten years ago by Inside Secure engineers.

Based on the decision of the German Federal Patent Court (Bundespatentgericht), France Brevets continues to enforce the cease & desist order against the HTC smartphone products (including HTC One M8s and HTC One M9) held to infringe the NFC patent in question.

The decision of the German Federal Patent Court (Bundespatentgericht) can be appealed before the German Federal Supreme Court (Bundesgerichtshof), and the Decisions of the Landgericht Dusseldorf are under appeal at the request of HTC Germany GmbH.

As reported earlier, further enforcement took place during IFA 2015 in Berlin, the largest consumer electronics trade show in Europe. Also because of violations of the cease & desist order, the Amtsgericht Berlin Tiergarten authorized German customs to seize and remove infringing devices from the floor of the trade show in the course of criminal proceedings against HTC Germany GmbH. The seizure was effected on the IFA stands of HTC Germany GmbH, Ingram Micro Mobility Germany GmbH and KOMSA Kommunikation Sachsen AG, the latter two serving as distributors of the infringing products.

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France Brevets manages and leads the efforts under the NFC Licensing Program in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. France Brevets' affiliate, NFC Technology LLC, leads the NFC Licensing Program in the United States. The NFC Patent Licensing Program gives NFC- enabled device manufacturers access to the patents of INSIDE Secure, a leader in embedded security solutions for mobile and connected devices, and the NFC patents of Orange , which include both essential and implementation-specific approaches for NFC, and also other patents acquired by France Brevets and NFC Technology, LLC. The licensing program addresses multiple categories of NFC device manufacturers, such as those making smartphones, feature phones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers, TVs, and smart meters which will offer a wide range of services such as mobile payment, transit, access control, customer retention programs and also ticket office.

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