

JX brought legal actions against Mitsui Kinzoku

Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. (President: Keiji Nishida; “Mitsui Kinzoku,” hereinafter) announces today that, although JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation (“JX” hereinafter) announced its legal action against Mitsui Kinzoku and asserted patent infringement by Mitsui Kinzoku on its press release as of Today, Mitsui Kinzoku does not acknowledge any such infringement. Please refer to following summary and background of JX legal actions against Mitsui Kinzoku on Tokyo District Court.

1. Claimant of the lawsuit

JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation

1-2, Otemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8164, Japan

2. Summary of the legal actions

Claimant seeks, in the forms of provisional disposition and lawsuit, monetary damages and injunction relief based upon alleged infringement to the following patents it owns

Patent No, 5470487

Patent No, 3258308

Patent No, 3330925

Patent No, 5481577

Patent No, 5481591

Patent No, 5286443

Patent No, 5373993*

*Mitsui Kinzoku has not confirmed complaint itself yet as of Today.

3. Background of JX’s legal actions

While Mitsui Kinzoku always undertakes any kinds of measure to prevent infringement to third party’s intellectual property rights, it unexpectedly received Claimant’s letter dated October 19, 2018, alleging that Mitsui Kinzoku’s product, the ultra-thin electrodeposited copper foil with carrier MicroThin™ infringes Claimant’s patent. We required adequate explanation clarifying the reason of alleged infringement to Claimant. However, series of legal actions were consequently brought against Mitsui Kinzoku without any sufficient responses from Claimant.

4. Prospect

Mitsui Kinzoku definitely assures that MicroThin™ does not infringe Claimant's patent, will argue patent invalidity defense, and refute Claimant's assertion in the process of the lawsuit. Therefore, at this stage, Mitsui Kinzoku does not anticipate any adverse effect on its business results.

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