

Moisin sues Philips, Harmony and others

EDITOR'S NOTE: Michael Moisin got his start with Motorola Lighting in the early 1990s. In 1995, Moisin began working with Solium, which at the time was part of Pacific Scientific. Pacific later sold the Manufacturing part of the business to SLI. Although SLI had the rights to manufacture and sell under Solium brand, Moisin controlled the rights to the technology, specifically the rights to the 3-Way CFL. When SLI stopped selling this product, their contract with Moisin became null and void. Philips Lighting, Harmony and others began selling a 3-way CFL product. While we do not begin to understand the circuitry, it appears that the complaint is based on Moisin's patent which uses three independent types of controls and manages a high efficiency at each of these three levels.

Boston, MA - Tele-Cons, Incorporated, a lighting technology firm based in Brookline, MA, today announced that it has filed suit in the United States District Court of MA against Massachusetts-based Harmony Lighting, Inc., Philips Lighting Company & other lighting company for infringement of Tele-Cons' patent on technology that makes high efficiency, electronic 3-way CFL lighting possible.

The suit charges the lighting companies with infringement of United States Patent 5,821,699 by various methods and products, including Philips Earth Light 3-Way and several other branded products. Tele-Cons holds exclusive commercial rights to the patent. Tele-Cons is represented in the suit by the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

The suit asks the court for both unspecified damages for the infringing activity and for an injunction to force the lighting companies to cease all manufacturing, use and sale of infringing products. The Tele-Cons patent was granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Oct. 13, 1998.

Michael Moisin, Tele-Cons¹ founder and CEO, invented the technology of the 0699 patent. He developed the technology while working on innovative lighting control systems to significantly reduce lighting energy consumption and the pollutants associated with them while also improving light quality and the safety of existing systems. Tele-Cons Inc. was founded in 1993 by Michael Moisin. Shortly thereafter U.S. patent applications were submitted for the pioneering work of the 0699 patent and other innovations.

The company concentrates on the development of new lighting technologies and the licensing and commercialization of those technologies.

Tele-Cons' new Lux product line is advancing the state of the art for lighting control systems (ballast) for the replacement of old magnetic technologies with new very low cost high performance electronic systems that will benefit as the industry meets compliance standards established from the Federal Energy Policy Act over the next 12-24 months. The Lux system allows for easy replacement of existing systems with powerful embedded, patented technology. It is expected that the soon-to-be-released platform will set new industry-wide standards for low cost, highly efficient fluorescent lighting replacement technologies for years to come.

Michael Moisin, CEO commented ³Tele-Cons, Inc. has a strong patent portfolio

covering energy efficient technology and we will protect it."

Tele-Cons is seeking remedies in the form of monetary damages for past infringement as well as injunctive relief prohibiting the defendants from continuing to use the intellectual property protected by the patent claims. The recently commenced patent infringement lawsuit in The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, names the following Defendants: Harmony Lighting, Inc., Lights of America, Inc., Feit Electric Company, Inc., Technical Consumer Products, Inc., S K America, Inc. d/b/a MaxLite, Westinghouse Lighting Corporation, Greenlite Lighting Corp., Helix Lighting Corp., Bulbrite Industries, Inc., Aurio Lighting, Inc., American Top Lighting, Inc., Philips Lighting Company and Philips Electronics North America Corp.