

DSM DYNEEMA successfully concludes patent infringement case

DSM Dyneema, the inventor and manufacturer of Dyneema®, the world's strongest fiber™, has successfully concluded a dispute with the Israeli firm FMS Enterprises Migun Ltd (FMS) concerning the infringement and validity of DSM Dyneema's patents. This is the final step in a series of disputes including earlier unsuccessful attempts by FMS to challenge the validity of DSM Dyneema patent relating to an improved polyethylene fiber of ultra-high molecular weight (UHMWPE). The action against FMS was filed in November 2017 and concluded in March of 2018.



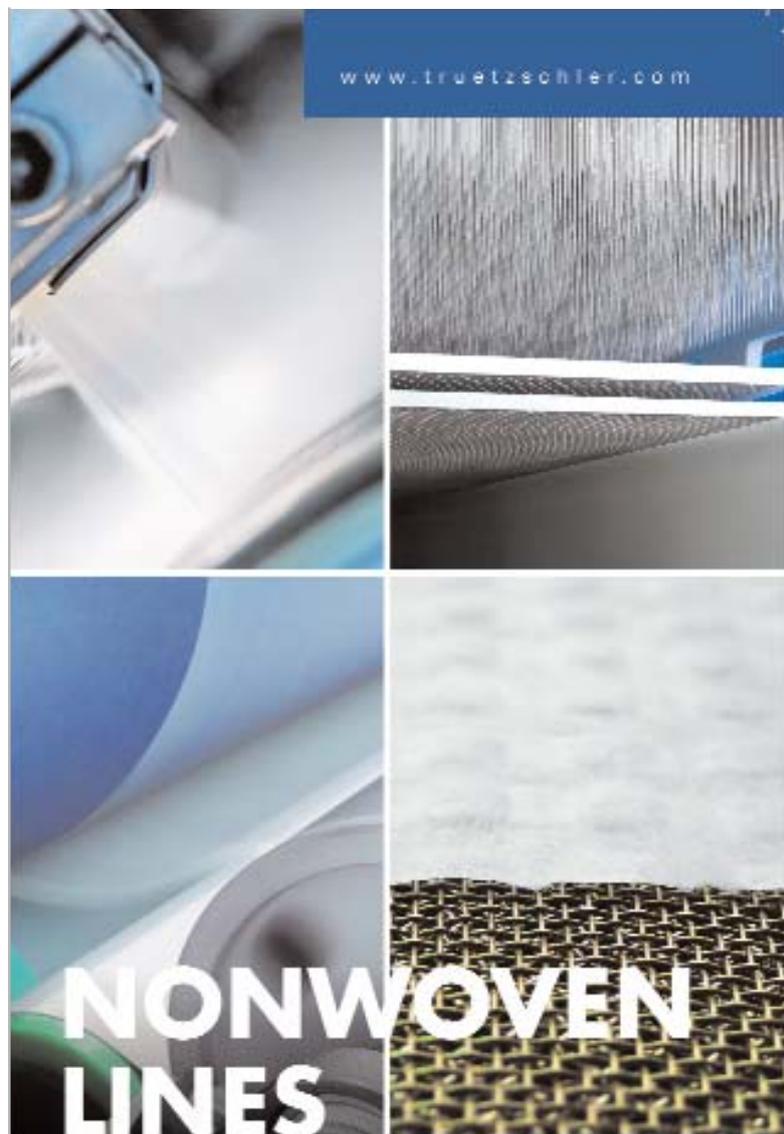
"We are very pleased with this outcome, which again confirms the quality and value of our patents", says Olivier Janin, VP Marketing and Sales of DSM Dyneema.

In addition to said patent infringement case, DSM Dyneema also ended another dispute with FMS relating to a patent concerning improved unidirectional sheets and pressed protective life saving articles made of such sheets, including inserts, helmets and vehicle panels. FMS had opposed DSM Dyneema's patent, which was eventually granted on March 22nd, 2018.

These results add to the company's positive track record in intellectual property (IP) cases. It reconfirms the strength of DSM Dyneema's IP portfolio that protects the company's innovations and the use by its customers against infringements. The patents in these cases were also granted in various other countries of the world including the US, Europe and Asia. In addition to these patents, the patent portfolio of DSM Dyneema covers more than 175 UHMWPE fiber and fabric related inventions, protected by some 1500 individual patents and patent applications in several countries of the world.

This vast IP portfolio furthermore underlines the company's large number of unique innovations, as a contribution to human knowledge in the field of fiber technology, and particularly in fields of technologies that enable protective life saving products.

"Innovation is about creating technological advancements and bringing game-changing material science solutions to our customers. This is what makes DSM Dyneema the leading innovator in UHMWPE fibers and fabrics. Protecting these innovations via IP is at the heart of our business. We have consistently and vigorously defended our IP on many occasions, and will continue to do so", said Olivier Janin.



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