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Nichia's White LED Patent Was Decided Invalid in Taiwan

New Taipei City, Shulin District – May 9, 2017 – Everlight Electronics Co., Ltd. filed an invalidation request against Nichia's white LED patent No. 383,508 with the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) in August 2011. The patent was directed to YAG phosphors being used in LEDs and flat panel lighting sources. TIPO held the patent invalid in July 2016. Later, although Nichia opposed to such decision, the opposition was denied on March 29, 2017 and Nichia's patent was decided invalid.

In response to Nichia's May 9 press release regarding the U.S. litigation, it is to emphasize that the appellate court confirmed the district court's finding of no injunction against Everlight's products.

Everlight on April 25, 2017 sued Nichia, Citizen, and Daiko in the Tokyo District Court for infringing Everlight's COB patents. Everlight requested the Court to enjoin the defendants from selling, manufacturing, importing or exporting any infringing products. Defendants were also requested to destroy any inventories of infringing products and bear Everlight's damages due to the infringement.

Everlight respects intellectual property rights and does not tolerate any infringement and will devote to the protection of customers' and shareholders' benefits and rights.