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CHINESE COMPANY SENTENCED TO A FINE FOR COUNTERFEITING TRADEMARK “PIONEER”

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Beijing, China, April 2, 2010 - Dongguan Intermediate People’s Court in Guangdong Province has made the final ruling on the case where Dongguan Yinbo Electronics Co., Ltd. and its manager Tao XU counterfeited loud-speakers with the registered trademark of Pioneer. As a result, Dongguan Electronics Co., Ltd. was sentenced to a fine of RMB 150,000 yuan, and Tao XU was sentenced to 18 months in the prison plus a fine of RMB 100,000 yuan.

The Court held that Dongguan Yinbo Electronics Co., Ltd. and Tao XU defied the national law by using a trademark identical to registered mark on the same commodity without the authorization of the owner of the registered mark; the act was serious enough to constitute a crime of counterfeiting a registered trademark, and shall be punished in accordance with the law.

“Pioneer” is a well-known trademark owned by the Japan Pioneer Corporation, and the products of Pioneer Corporation are being sold all around the world, according to Edward E. Lehman, Managing Director of Lehman, Lee & Xu. “By counterfeiting the world famous brand, Dongguan Yinbo Electronics Co., Ltd. and Tao XU have caused great harm to the goodwill as well as the legitimate economic interests of the trademark owner, and so deserve the punishment, Mr. Lehman commented.

Lehman, Lee & Xu is a prominent Chinese corporate law firm and trademark and patent agency with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Macau, and Mongolia. The firm is managed by Mr. Edward Lehman who is a long-time China resident, and is recognized as a leading expert on corporate law with 21 years of practice experience in Mainland China.

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