

Safran Announces Complete Dismissal of Patent Infringement Suit by Komodo

A patent infringement lawsuit filed by Morpho Komodo, LLC (hereafter “Komodo”; no relation to any Safran companies) against MorphoTrak, LLC and other Safran U.S. subsidiaries has been dismissed with prejudice, affirming the company’s pioneering leadership in the field of biometric technologies.

Komodo voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit that it filed in 2015 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. No money or any other consideration was paid to Komodo. In this case, MorphoTrak aggressively filed a Motion to Transfer Venue of the case to the Central District of California and sought leave to file a Motion for Summary Judgment. MorphoTrak went on to serve Komodo's attorneys with a Rule 11 Sanctions Motion for the recovery of costs and attorneys' fees for frivolous pleading, after which Komodo agreed to dismiss the case. MorphoTrak was represented in the matter by Armstrong Teasdale, LLP.

"Companies whose business models are nothing more than suing successful companies to get a quick payday settlement from a baseless lawsuit will not find the Safran group to be an easy mark," said Yves Charvin, General Counsel of Safran Identity & Security. "Not only will we vigorously defend these companies' lawsuits, we will hold plaintiffs' attorneys accountable for their baseless pleadings."

MorphoTrak and Safran Identity & Security, part of Safran's security business, have been developing and delivering biometric solutions to domestic U.S. and international government and commercial customers for over four decades, and have significant and extensive patent portfolios in these fields. Safran Identity & Security and MorphoTrak's technologies are continually recognized for superior accuracy and performance as demonstrated by the independent reports issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

MorphoTrak, a subsidiary of Safran USA, provides biometric and identity management solutions to a broad array of markets in the U.S. including law enforcement, border control, civil identification, and facility/IT security. Reporting to Morpho, Safran's security division, MorphoTrak is part of the world's largest biometric company. Morpho is a leading innovator in large fingerprint identification systems, facial and iris recognition, as well as secure credentials. With 40 years' experience, Morpho has captured more than 3 billion fingerprints and Morpho products are used by more than 450 government agencies in over 100 countries. MorphoTrak is headquartered in Anaheim, CA with major corporate facilities near Washington D.C., and Federal Way, WA.

About Morpho



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Morpho, a high-technology company of Safran, is a global leader in security solutions. The company employs more than 8,600 people in 55 countries and reported revenues of more than 1.5 billion euros in 2014. Morpho's unique expertise lies in providing cutting edge security solutions for government identity, public security, transportation and business markets. Morpho is the world leader in Automated Biometric Identification Systems (ABIS), biometric identity documents and Explosives Detection Systems (EDS). It is one of the leading suppliers of SIM cards, smart cards, trace detection equipment and gaming terminals. With integrated systems operating in more than 100 countries, Morpho's solutions simplify and secure the lives of people around the world.

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