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**Minebea Filed a Complaint against Nidec Regarding Patent Infringement**

Nidec Corporation has reviewed the complaint filed on Thursday, July 15, 2004, by Minebea Co. Ltd. and NMB Technologies Corporation in the United States District Court in Washington D.C. In its complaint, Minebea requests a declaration that it does not infringe Nidec's U.S. Patent No. 5,667,309 and that this patent is invalid. Nidec believes that Minebea's claims are wholly without merit, and that Minebea has brought the lawsuit in an inappropriate effort to avoid paying royalties for Minebea's unauthorized use of Nidec's patented technology directed to fluid dynamic bearings in hard-disc-drive spindle motors. Nidec will vigorously defend itself against Minebea's unwarranted claims and will demonstrate Minebea's infringement of the '309 patent, as well as Minebea's infringement of other Nidec intellectual-property rights. Furthermore, Nidec will seek all of the relief it is entitled to under the U.S. Patent Law, including compensatory damages, treble damages for Minebea's deliberate and willful infringement, and attorney fees.

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