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Counterfeit IDEC Products

Dear IDEC Customers and Associates:

First, let us thank you for your loyalty and long standing patronage for IDEC products including pushbutton switches.

For many years we have been troubled by numerous copycat products bearing the IDEC company logo typically produced and sold in China but sometimes offered for sale into numerous markets beyond China. To combat this we have brought charges against those who violate our patents and trademarks in Chinese district courts.

We are happy to report that litigation against two such firms, one in Zhejiang Province 樂清市和泉電氣有限公司 and the other in Shanghai 上海爽澤機電設備有限公司, was decided by the Shanghai court in our favor. The court decided that these firms had indeed infringed IDEC's patent rights and ordered them to cease the manufacture, marketing and sale of infringing products, namely XA, XW series emergency-stop switches, and to pay restitution to IDEC. The court also determined that one of the companies had conducted unfair competition by copying IDEC trademarks on their products and falsely advertising using our company name, and copying our internet sites, address, and other information for their benefit without our permission. As of December, 2013 the defendants had fully complied with the court order.

These intellectual property rights are IDEC's true assets accumulated over many decades. They are the fruit of our long-term investment in quality product development, sales and marketing activities, and doing business in a reputable manner. We shall continue to take firm action, using all available and appropriate legal means to protect our reputation and to protect our customers from purchasing fakes. These copycat products are very similar in appearance but are poor in quality and could cause serious problems. Please join us in this fight and let us know if you are aware of any copycat products being marketed under the IDEC name.

We thank you for your confidence in IDEC and IDEC products.

Sincerely,

IDEC Corporation