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**Düsseldorf Court of Appeal in Germany Confirmed Preliminary Injunctions
in Favour of Brother Regarding Consumable Products.**

Brother Industries, Ltd. (President: KOIKE Toshikazu, hereinafter “Brother”) announces that by a decision of 28 May 2009, the Düsseldorf Court of Appeal has confirmed two preliminary injunctions which have been issued by the District Court of Düsseldorf on 11 September 2008 and subsequently appealed by Pelikan Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (Germany, hereinafter “Pelikan”) and German Hardcopy AG (Germany, hereinafter “Geha”) .

In a related action, Düsseldorf Court of Appeal has also issued a third preliminary injunction overturning a previous decision by the District Court of Düsseldorf in its judgment. Whilst the preliminary injunction proceedings are concluded by these decisions, the injunctions remain subject to subsequent proceedings on the merits. In two of the three cases, such proceedings on the merits have already been initiated.

All three preliminary injunctions relate to certain ink cartridges of Pelikan and Geha that are compatible with Brother ink cartridges for Brother devices. Brother claimed that these compatible cartridges infringed utility models that Brother holds for certain cartridge technologies.

The Brother Group publishes “The Brother Group Global Charter” to provide the basic policies and codes of practices on which all Brother’s associates must base their decisions and actions. In respect of intellectual property rights, Brother acts with the highest integrity in accordance with the rules and applicable laws under “The Brother Group Global Charter” and esteems others’ intellectual property rights, but at the same time, Brother legitimately asserts its own intellectual property rights and will take necessary actions against illegal use of its intellectual property rights.

Brother will continue to vigorously publicise and promote the use of Brother genuine consumables in order to ensure optimum performances of all Brother Products for a long period of time.