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**Düsseldorf District Court in Germany decides in favour of Brother
in two main cause actions concerning specific compatible ink cartridges
for use with Brother devices**

Brother Industries, Ltd. (President: KOIKE Toshikazu, hereinafter "Brother") announces that the Düsseldorf District Court in Germany has decided in favour of Brother in two main cause actions relating to infringements of Brother's intellectual property. The judgments are addressed to Pelikan Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (Germany, hereinafter "Pelikan") and German Hardcopy AG (Germany, hereinafter "Geha"), both of whom sell compatible ink cartridges for Brother devices. The judgments relate only to a number of specific ink cartridges sold by Pelikan and Geha which have been found to infringe Brother's intellectual property rights. ^(*)

In May 2009, the Düsseldorf Court of Appeal had confirmed the issue of preliminary injunctions against Pelikan and Geha, concerning such parties' infringement of Brother's intellectual property rights through the sale of compatible ink cartridges. After two preliminary injunctions have been issued by the Düsseldorf District Court in September 2008, Brother subsequently filed main cause actions in these matters. On December 22, 2009 the Düsseldorf District Court confirmed the decisions of the preliminary injunctions in the main cause actions.

The Brother Group of companies is committed to creating circumstances where our customers can use Brother products with a sense of security. We will continue to vigorously publicize and promote the use of Brother genuine consumables, in order to ensure the optimum performance of all Brother products.

Brother esteems others' intellectual property rights, but at the same time, legitimately asserts its own rights in this regard, and will continue to take necessary actions against unlawful use of its intellectual property.

■ Judicial decisions on this claim

September 11, 2008: Preliminary injunctions issued by the Düsseldorf District Court

May 28, 2009: Preliminary injunctions confirmed by the Düsseldorf Court of Appeal

December 22, 2009: Judgments issued by the Düsseldorf District Court confirming the Preliminary injunctions

^(*)Under German law, Pelikan and Geha are entitled to appeal against these judgments of the Düsseldorf District Court.