

Press Release

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Joint Press Release Zumtobel Group and Panasonic/Vossloh-Schwabe: Tridonic and Panasonic reach patent agreement

Dornbirn, Austria – Panasonic Corporation, Japan, Panasonic Lighting Europe GmbH, Germany and Tridonic GmbH & Co KG, a leading manufacturer of lighting components and part of the Zumtobel Group of Austria, today announced that they have entered into a patent license agreement. With this agreement the parties grant each other a license to use certain patents in the field of lighting electronics, mainly in the field of control and operation of LED light sources. The specific terms of the settlement will remain confidential.

This agreement will help the parties to accelerate their R&D activities for creating new innovation and to push further growth of the LED lighting market. It gives both companies the freedom and opportunity to develop world class products and solutions in order to better service their customer needs in the fast changing lighting world.

„We are delighted with this important license agreement with Panasonic. It enables us to bring new products and technologies even faster to the market and further to provide a higher IP protection. This patent license agreement is one of the most wide-ranging in the history of Tridonic and strengthens the IP-position of the brand Tridonic and thus as well of the whole Zumtobel Group“, says Alfred Felder, CEO Tridonic.

„Intellectual property rights are gaining increasing importance in the lighting industry. Together with our mother company Panasonic, we are very happy about this patent license agreement with Tridonic which provides extended freedom-to-operate for the future extension of our product portfolio“, says Klaus Breisch, Managing Director of Panasonic Lighting Europe.

Information

This press release can be downloaded at: http://www.zumtobelgroup.com/en/press_center.htm

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About Tridonic

As a leading global provider of smart and efficient lighting solutions, Tridonic today empowers its customers and business partners by making their lighting smarter, more exciting, and more sustainable. Component lighting solutions deliver superior quality, highest reliability, and impressive energy savings. The company continuously brings new innovations and state-of-the-art lighting solutions to market. Thanks to the in-depth expertise in all relevant lighting applications, leading luminaire manufacturers, architects, electrical and lighting planners, electrical installers and wholesalers rely on Tridonic for both indoor and outdoor lighting needs. As part of the Zumtobel Group, Tridonic is headquartered in Dornbirn, Austria, and in fiscal year 2014/15 generated sales of 393.8 million EUR. 1,750 highly skilled employees and a sales presence in 51 countries reflect Tridonic's commitment to accelerating the development and deployment of new, smart, and connected lighting applications. With more than 40 million light points installed every year, Tridonic is perfectly positioned to play a decisive role in leveraging lighting as a key enabler and important infrastructure for connected lighting (Internet of Things). www.tridonic.com

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About Vossloh-Schwabe

Headquartered in Germany, Vossloh-Schwabe has been a member of the global Panasonic group since 2002 within the lighting sector and counts as one of the technology leaders. Vossloh-Schwabe's range of products and services covers the entire field of classic lighting technologies. LED modules are available in COB and SMD technology, in round, square or linear designs and for nearly all fields of application. The LiCS Indoor and LiCS Outdoor light management systems guarantee maximum energy and cost savings as well as additional convenience and safety. At the same time, we continue to cover the entire range of conventional lighting technology with electronic and magnetic ballasts, ignitors and lampholders for practically all commonly available light sources. One of Vossloh-Schwabe's particular strengths lies in providing customised solutions, from individual LEDs to complete LED modules with special spectral distributions or the development and production of application-specific optics. In this context, a systemic approach is decisive for creating turnkey solutions made up of perfectly matched individual components.

About the Zumtobel Group

The Zumtobel Group is an international lighting group and a leading player in the field of innovative lighting solutions and components. With its three internationally established brands, Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel, and its two smaller brands, acdc and Reiss, the Group offers its customers around the world a comprehensive range of products and services. In the lighting business the Group with its Thorn, Zumtobel and acdc brands is the European market leader. The Reiss brand supplies OEMs with luminaires with a higher degree of protection. Through its lighting components brand, Tridonic, the Group plays a leading role worldwide in the manufacture of hardware and software for lighting systems (LED light sources and LED drivers, sensors and lighting management). The Group is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (ATX) and on the balance sheet date (April 30, 2015) employed a workforce of 7,234 employees. In the 2014/15 financial year, the Group posted revenues of EUR 1,312.6 million. The Zumtobel Group is based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria. For further information, please visit www.zumtobelgroup.com/en

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