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Static Control Sues Aster Graphics for Patent Infringement
Suit Filed in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Sanford, N.C. – (July 19, 2017) – Static Control sued Aster Graphics for patent infringement on July 17. Aster Graphics is infringing two Static Control patents relating to dongle gear designs used in various Canon and HP laser cartridges. The patents are U.S. patent 9,671,742 B2 ('742) and 9,599,949 B2 ('949).

On June 29, Static Control sent a letter to Aster Graphics notifying the company of infringement of the '742 and '949 patents. The letter, sent with hopes of finding a solution outside of the courts, requested Aster Graphics to cease its infringing activity. Aster Graphics chose to continue to infringe these two patents and filed their own declaratory judgement, leading Static Control to file suit.

“We made all the necessary motions to avoid a lawsuit,” said Skip London, Static Control’s General Counsel, “...but Aster’s decision to continue infringing our IP left us no other choice but to take legal action.”

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Static Control is the largest manufacturer of aftermarket imaging systems and components supporting cartridge remanufacturers within the global laser and ink jet industry. Sales and distribution facilities are located worldwide. Research, development, engineering and manufacturing as well as global distribution are located at Static Control’s world headquarters in Sanford, North Carolina, USA. Static Control manufactures in-house more than 10,000 imaging products and offers a product catalog of more than 14,000 imaging products to the aftermarket industry.

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