

Asahi Kasei Europe GmbH  
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**Judgment of Chinese Patent Infringement Litigation  
Asahi Kasei vs. Shenzhen Xu Ran (旭冉) Electronic Co., Ltd. and Others  
Relating to Separator for Lithium Ion Secondary Battery**

In August 2018, Asahi Kasei Corporation (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Hideki Kobori, hereinafter “Asahi Kasei”) had filed a patent infringement lawsuit based on the Chinese patent of separator for lithium ion secondary battery (Patent No.: ZL200680046997. 8) owned by Asahi Kasei with the Shenzhen Intermediate People’s Court. The lawsuit is directed against Shenzhen Xu Ran (旭冉) Electronic Co., Ltd. and Shenzhen Xu Ran (旭然) Electronic Co., Ltd. as joint defendants (hereinafter “Xu Ran Electronic”), two sellers of separator film for lithium ion secondary battery in Shenzhen, China, which act in China as distributors of W-SCOPE Co., Ltd.. With the lawsuit, Asahi Kasei is requiring Xu Ran Electronic to stop selling their “single-layer W-scope” battery separators in China and compensate Asahi Kasei for damages.

It is hereby notified that, the above claims of Asahi Kasei for patent infringement were supported by the court with judgment of April 2020 and Xu Ran Electronic was ordered to stop the sale of the infringing products indicated above and make compensation for the related damages. The judgment of the court is not final and can be appealed by Xu Ran Electronic.

Asahi Kasei will pay close attention to issues concerning its intellectual property rights and take specific measures proactively against any infringement when it deems necessary.

***About the Asahi Kasei Corporation***

Asahi Kasei Corporation is a globally active diversified technology company with operations in the Material, Homes, and Health Care business. The Material division encompasses fibers & textiles, petrochemicals, performance polymers, performance materials, consumables, battery separators, and electronic devices. The Homes division provides housing and construction materials to the Japanese market. The Health Care division includes pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and acute critical care devices and systems. With approximately 39,283 employees around the world, the Asahi Kasei Group serves customers in more than 100 countries and achieved sales of 17.6 billion euros (2,170.4 billion yen) in the fiscal year 2018 (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019).

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