

消息稿

## **Everlight Believes Nichia' s European White LED Patents Will Ultimately be Found Invalid**

**New Taipei City, Shulin District – Jan. 10, 2017** –Everlight filed declaratory judgment actions of invalidity and non-infringement against Nichia' s U.S. Patent Nos. 5,998,925 and 7,531,960 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. These two patents are directed to YAG phosphors being used in LEDs and phosphor concentration. The District Court determined that all of Nichia' s asserted claims invalid. In addition, Japan Patent Office and Taiwan IP Office also found Nichia' s corresponding white LED patents invalid.

Everlight' s victories in the U.S., Japan and Taiwan remain the same and are not affected. Everlight has a cross license agreement with Osram on white LED patents. Such license allows both companies to exercise certain patents containing white LED technologies. Everlight has been developing and manufacturing its products using the technologies licensed from Osram.

Everlight has filed invalidation requests against Nichia' s European white LED patents, including EP 936682 (DE69702929), EP219703 (DE6970792) and EP 2276080 (DE 69740795). These cases are still in adjudication. Everlight believes sufficient invalidity reasons exist and these patents should be found invalid. It is also noted that these patents will all expire on July 29, 2017.

In response to Nichia' s press release dated January 10, 2017, Everlight respects the court' s unfavorable findings. The decision can be appealed. Everlight has confidence that the decision will eventually be reversed.

Everlight respects intellectual properties and will devote to the protection of customers and shareholders' benefits and rights.

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