

Universal Electronics Files Patent Infringement Suit against Universal Remote Control

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Alleges Willful Infringement of Four (4) United States Patents

CYPRESS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 5, 2012-- Universal Electronics Inc. (UEI) (NASDAQ:UEIC), a global leader in wireless control technology for the connected home, announced it has filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California against Universal Remote Control, Inc. for patent infringement. Universal Electronics seeks an injunction in addition to monetary damages.

In this lawsuit, Universal Electronics asserts infringement by Universal Remote Control of United States Patent No. 5,414,426, entitled "Favorite Key Macro Command and Chained Macro Command in a Remote Control;" United States Patent No. 5,568,367, entitled "Remote Control with Key Lighting;" United States Patent No. 5,614,906, entitled "Method For Selecting a Remote Control Command Set;" and United States Patent No. 6,587,067 B2, entitled "Universal Remote Control with Macro Command Capabilities."

"Universal Electronics has built a reputation as a trusted advisor in control technology applications," says Paul Arling, Chairman and CEO of Universal Electronics. "We spend significant resources in research and development, and are proud of our innovation and industry leadership in control technology. We have tried to resolve this issue amicably with Universal Remote Control, but unfortunately, our efforts were not successful," added Arling.

Universal Electronics has retained the law firm of Niro, Haller & Niro, a Chicago-based law firm that specializes in intellectual property litigation, to prosecute the case.

Universal Electronics holds 130 US patents and has hundreds of additional patent applications pending in the United States and jurisdictions throughout the world.

About Universal Electronics Inc.

Founded in 1986, Universal Electronics Inc. (UEI) is the global leader in wireless control technology for the connected home. UEI designs, develops, and delivers innovative solutions that enable consumers to control entertainment devices, digital media, and home systems. The company's broad portfolio of patented technologies and database of infrared control software have been adopted by many Fortune 500 companies in the consumer electronics, subscription broadcast, and computing industries. UEI sells and licenses wireless control products through distributors and retailers under the One For All® brand name. More information is available at www.uei.com.

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