

## **Materia Inc. Takes License from Evonik for Metathesis Catalyst Products to Lift US Federal District Court's Permanent Injunction Order.**

Evonik Industries AG, Essen (Germany) with its Business Line Catalysts has won a seven years long patent litigation in a January 2017 jury trial in the Federal District Court in Wilmington DE, USA against Materia Inc., Pasadena CA. Evonik was awarded over 1.5 Million US\$, which will be supplemented with interest for the entire period and additional royalties for the most recent financial periods of Materia's infringement. On August 10, 2017 the Court granted summary judgment for Evonik, re-confirming the full validity of Evonik's US patent 7,378,528 (the "528 patent") directed to olefin metathesis catalysts containing NHC (N-heterocyclic carbene) ligands.

The Court also issued on August 10 a permanent injunction against Materia for 50 of its metathesis catalysts, including the so-called "Grubbs II catalysts", thus stopping their US business with infringing products.

In the meantime Materia has agreed to obtain a non-exclusive license from Evonik effective August 10, 2017 for its catalysts covered by the '528 patent, which is valid until the patent expiration date in March 2019. Upon joined application by Evonik and Materia the Court has stayed the permanent injunction effective October 13, 2017.

Evonik is represented by ReedSmith LLP, Wilmington DE / USA.

Evonik with its Business Line Catalysts is a global leader in producing specialty catalysts, custom catalysts and catalysts components for the Life Sciences & Fine Chemicals, Industrial & Petrochemical and Polyolefines market segments. It also offers catMETium® RF metathesis catalyst products.

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