

press release

El.En.: Cynosure Files Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against CoolTouch Inc

Firenze, January 10, 2008 – El. En. Spa , leader on the laser market and listed on the Star segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, announced today that through its controlled company Cynosure Inc. (NASDAQ: CYNO) filed a patent infringement lawsuit against CoolTouch Inc. seeking protection of its intellectual property on the laserlipolysis Smartlipo™ application. Cynosure is the exclusive licensee for the US Market of the 873 patent, which is owned by El.En. In Italy the Smartlipo™ laser system is marketed by the DEKA sales network.

The lawsuit alleges that CoolTouch's 1320 nm CoolLipo™ laser system infringes on U.S. Patent No. 6,206,873 (the 873 patent), which covers technology using laser energy to remove subcutaneous fat.

The 873 patent is a fundamental component of the Smartlipo™ Workstation, a groundbreaking system designed as an alternative to traditional liposuction in patients with small areas of localized fat. Cynosure received U.S. Food and Drug Administration clearance to market the Smartlipo™ workstation in the fourth quarter of 2006. The product, which was launched in early 2007, uses a 1064 nm Nd:YAG laser to deliver energy directly to subcutaneous fat cells, causing them to rupture. The emitted fat-melting energy also coagulates tissue, thus inducing collagen retraction and tissue tightening.

The lawsuit filed by Cynosure and El.En. seeks monetary damages and an injunction against CoolTouch to prohibit further infringement.

El.En., an Italian company, is the parent of a high-tech industrial group operating in the optoelectronics sector. Based on proprietary technology and multidisciplinary know-how, the El.En Group manufactures laser sources (gas, semiconductor, solid-state and liquid) and innovative laser systems for medical and industrial applications. The El.En. Group is the laser market leader in Italy and among the top operators in Europe. It designs, manufactures and sells worldwide:

- Medical laser equipment used in dermatology, cosmetics, physiotherapy, dentistry and gynecology;
- Industrial laser systems for applications ranging from cutting, marking and welding metals, wood, plastic and glass to decorating leather and textiles and restoring/conserving artwork;
- Laser systems for scientific research

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