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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

Stokes (Australasia) Limited has settled the proceedings it brought in the Federal Court of Australia against Thermal Products Pty. Limited and Mr Terry Morris in relation to infringements of Stokes' trade marks and copyright. The resolution of the dispute includes the grant of permanent injunctions against Thermal Products and Mr Morris, as well as payments to Stokes including payment of legal costs.

Stokes will continue to vigilantly protect its intellectual property rights.

Gordon B. Elkington Secretary