



## Press Release

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### **Violation of Patent Rights at the Innotrans Exhibition in Berlin. Preliminary injunction against Chinese company KTK judicially enforced.**

At this year's Innotrans exhibition in Berlin from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, the Chinese KTK Group Co. LTD. exhibited a vacuum toilet, which used a copied sliding gate valve in the waste water system. This sliding gate valve is the subject of patent EP 1 387 971B1 belonging to Evac GmbH. This sliding gate valve, which is particularly resistant to blockages, is used by Evac in vacuum toilet systems for rail vehicles world wide. The company Evac, headquartered in Wedel, is world market leader for complete vacuum toilet solutions for railway vehicles.

The infringement of the European patent of Evac GmbH has been confirmed by resolution of the district court in Berlin an injunction is proceeding without consulting KTK Group. The preliminary infringement was delivered by a bailiff at the Innotrans exhibition stand of the KTK Group. Catalogues and one vacuum toilet system for rail vehicles with such a sliding gate valve were confiscated. The decision is not yet final and KTK Group Co. Ltd. has the right to appeal the decision for an unlimited period of time.

Evac is now preparing action for damages.