

Vicor announces counterclaims against SynQor

SynQor's IBA claims rejected by the U.S. Patent Office

Andover, MA, October 5th, 2011... Vicor Corporation (NASDAQ: VICR) today responded to SynQor's October 4, 2011 press release by announcing the filing of counterclaims against SynQor. In its counterclaims, Vicor seeks damages for alleged unfair and deceptive trade practices and tortious interference by SynQor in attempting to mislead customers and monopolize the IBA market with invalid claims.

Vicor regards SynQor's October 4th press release announcing the recent issuance of U.S. Patent No. 8,023,290 as another example of SynQor's attempt to illegitimately monopolize the IBA market. Prior to the issuance of SynQor's "latest patent", SynQor had obtained three other, related patents, which it had asserted against Vicor in an attempt to claim ownership over IBA. However all of the asserted claims of those patents have been rejected as unpatentable by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") upon reexamination. SynQor's "new" '290 patent, which is based on the same specification as SynQor's now-rejected earlier patents, contains claims similar to those that now stand rejected. SynQor obtained the '290 patent by failing to inform the patent examiner that the PTO's Central Reexamination Unit ("CRU") had already rejected SynQor's related claims in its earlier patents. As such, SynQor's claims in "the latest patent" are invalid and unenforceable. On October 4th, following SynQor's press release, Vicor filed [counterclaims](#) against SynQor, alleging SynQor obtained its new patent through inequitable conduct and also alleging unfair and deceptive trade practices and tortious interference in its relationship with a growing list of customers interested in Vicor's superior Bus Converter products.

Commenting on the filing of counterclaims against SynQor, Dr. Patrizio Vinciarelli, Vicor's Chief Executive Officer, stated, "It is unfortunate that SynQor, having failed in the marketplace with low density, inefficient square wave bus converters, has resorted to attacking customers with invalid Intellectual Property claims. As a company founded on innovation protected by IP, Vicor respects the legitimate IP interests of others. However, where, as here, illegitimate IP claims are being asserted inappropriately, Vicor intends to defeat such claims and hold SynQor accountable for the damages it has caused."

Dr. Vinciarelli added, "SynQor's latest patent and press release reflect a desperate attempt to shore up its crumbling patent portfolio and thus maintain its grip on the IBA marketplace. However, senior examiners in the PTO's CRU have unanimously concluded that SynQor did not invent IBA and has no legitimate claim to it, and Vicor is confident that SynQor's latest patent will also be found invalid because of the same prior art that anticipates its prior patent claims. Customers are reaching the same conclusion and designing Vicor's higher density and higher efficiency bus converters into their products."

Vicor Bus Converters in industry standard Eight Brick and Quarter Brick packages cut the heat and volume of inefficient square wave bus converters and DC-DC converters in half and are available at less than \$0.12 per Watt in OEM quantities.

For datasheets and additional information on Vicor DC-DC and AC-DC power products, please visit the Vicor website at http://www.vicorpower.com/VIBRICK_ibc. To order, contact Vicor Customer Service at 800-735-6200 or e-mail custserv@vicr.com.

About Vicor Corporation

Vicor Corporation designs, develops, manufactures, and markets modular power components and complete power systems used primarily by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the communications, computing, defense electronics, industrial control, medical, networking, and test equipment markets.

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