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Court Rules in Favor of FARO in Patent Case

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FARO Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: FARO) announced today that the District Court of Massachusetts has ruled in its favor in its on-going patent dispute with Nikon Metrology after trial, finding that Nikon's asserted U.S. Patent No. 6,611,617 (the '617 patent) is unenforceable due to inequitable conduct before the Patent Office.

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The Court found that the inventor withheld material information from the Patent Office during the prosecution of the patent application.

"FARO has always maintained that it doesn't infringe the '617 patent or the related U.S. Patent No. 7,313,264 (the '264 patent)," stated Bill Cass of Cantor Colburn LLP, FARO's lead trial lawyer in this matter. "FARO also believes that the '264 patent is both unenforceable and invalid. The Company intends to pursue its attorneys fees through its counterclaims," Cass concluded.

The full text of the court's decision is available on FARO's website at <http://www.faro.com/site/content/pdf/farodecision.pdf>

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