



Joint News Release

BASF and Argonne reach resolution with Umicore over NMC patents infringement claims

ISELIN, NJ, USA, 25 April, 2017 – BASF and Argonne National Laboratory reached a business resolution of their pending patent disputes with Umicore. Umicore is now licensed to make, use, sell, offer to sell, distribute and import nickel-manganese-cobalt (NMC) cathode material for lithium ion batteries in the United States under BASF's and Argonne's U.S. Patent Nos. 6,677,082; 6,680,143; 7,135,252; and 7,468,223.

BASF and Argonne are dismissing their pending action in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware against Umicore. The parties are filing a petition for rescission of the existing limited exclusion order with the International Trade Commission (ITC).

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