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Jury returns verdict in favor of Whirlpool Corporation in water filter patent infringement suit

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., March 10, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- A jury returned its verdict in Whirlpool Corporation's favor, finding that water filters manufactured by TST Water, LLC infringed Whirlpool Corp.'s patent for refrigerator water filters. The jury also affirmed the validity of Whirlpool Corp.'s patent and awarded damages based on its finding of willful infringement.



"Whirlpool succeeds by innovating, and we protect our innovations with patents," said Brett Dibkey, vice president, Integrated Business Units, Whirlpool Corp. "We are grateful for the jury's assistance in enforcing our patents to ensure that we can continue delivering great products to our consumers."

Whirlpool Corp. filed this lawsuit against TST Water in September 2015 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas alleging that certain water filters manufactured and sold by TST Water, infringed Whirlpool Corp.'s U.S. Patent No. 7,000,894.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) is the number one major appliance manufacturer in the world, with approximately \$21 billion in annual sales, 93,000 employees and 70 manufacturing and technology research centers in 2016. The company markets *Whirlpool*, *KitchenAid*, *Maytag*, *Consul*, *Brastemp*, *Amana*, *Bauknecht*, *Jenn-Air*, *Indesit* and other major brand names in nearly every country throughout the world. Additional information about the company can be found at WhirlpoolCorp.com, or find us on Twitter at @WhirlpoolCorp.

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