

The Claimant in this action is a company which carries on business producing manufacturing equipment and raw materials for the production of decorative glass panels. In a letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2004 sent by solicitors on behalf of the First Defendant to the Managing Director of Classic Door Panels Limited it was alleged that:-

- a. There was a defect in the manufacturing process used by the Claimant which caused the laminate to crack after a period of time; and
- b. The First Defendant and/or its parent company had had to obtain an injunction against the Claimant on a previous occasion in Germany arising from an infringement of the First Defendant's intellectual property rights and therefore the Claimant had a history of infringing activity;

These allegations were entirely without foundation. The First Defendant now accepts its serious error in publishing these libels to the Managing Director of Classic Door Panels Limited. The First Defendant is here today by its counsel to withdraw the imputation unreservedly and to apologise publicly to the Claimant. The First Defendant has also agreed to pay to the Claimant an appropriate sum by way of damages and in settlement of its legal costs.